

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

1108 FREAS AVENUE

BERWICK, PA 18603

The monthly scheduled and advertised meeting of the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority (BAJSA) was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Morris at 6:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was presented.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were as follows: Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Vice Chairman William Fairchild, Asst. Secretary W. Bruce Michael, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko, and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and HRG Engineer Erin Threet. Present from the public were Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Siecko to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2013. 2nd by Nelson Learn. With the correction made that W. Bruce Michael was not present at the January 9, 2013 meeting. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$559,022.84. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes
W. Michael	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

AUTHORITY MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky stated that the 2013 Bond closed in January with estimated savings of \$782,584.18.

The 2012 audit from Brewer & Co. is in the process of completion.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to allow the Borough of Berwick and Berwick Area Little League to tee off on public water from the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority Lab/Control Building, after an agreement is made with all parties using the water line that they are to split any necessary repairable costs . 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER – HRG

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to approve Pay Application #1 to Heisey Mechanical in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the bonds and insurance of the Grit Upgrade project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of projects listed on the agenda.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to reject all bids and rebid for the Lighting Upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, due to the low bidder, Commonwealth Energy Corp, listing an alternate bid due to the motion sensor only being in one building. Re-bidding should be completed again with base bid requirements as one with no alternates. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor, with the exception of W. Bruce Michael, and the motion passed.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald discussed the status of the Doli lawsuit discovery stage, and it is now BAJSA's turn to request for discovery information.

OLD BUSINESS

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky presented and discussed the opportunities for BAJSA to move forward with setting up their own website and the possibility of accepting credit card payments.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve to move forward with having Seda-COG develop a website and ePay servicing for BAJSA and charge a 4% transaction fee when accepting credit card payments. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to pass Resolution No. 1 of 2013 for the BAJSA to accept a Section 125 Plan for Pre-Taxed payroll items. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Pay Application No. 5 to Anrich in the amount of \$375,878.70. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by George Welliver to adjourn. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm.