

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2017
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 James Seeley at 6:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was presented.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were as follows: Chairman Jim Seeley, Secretary Scott Bower, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, Treasurer George Welliver, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris and new Salem Township board member Richard Talanca. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Solicitor Anthony McDonald, Engineer Dennis Peters and Superintendent Allan Fish.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Motion made by George Welliver to nominate Gary Pinterich for Chairman. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris for all board members to hold their existing board member positions with the exception of James Seeley and Gary Pinterich switching positions, and Richard Talanca taking prior member Joe Siecko's position. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The 2017 board member positions are then as follows:

Chairman	-	Gary Pinterich
Vice Chairman	-	Jimmy Morris
Secretary	-	Scott Bower
Treasurer	-	George Welliver
Asst. Secretary	-	Ernest Ashbridge III
Asst. Treasurer	-	Benjamin Mike
Asst. 2 nd Secretary	-	James Seeley
President Pro Tem	-	Richard Talanca

SET MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Motion made by Scott Bower that Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and Workshop Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, both beginning at 6:00 p.m.. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2016. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$282,522.86. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

- B. Mike - Yes
- S. Bower - Yes
- R. Talanca - Yes
- J. Seeley - Yes
- J. Morris - Yes
- G. Pinterich - Yes
- E. Ashbridge - Yes
- G. Welliver - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Dennis Peters reported that there was a final inspection done on January 10, 2017 with Phil Wenrich from DEP on the Phase II Doli Construction project, which took 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

The next project that is waiting will begin after the PennVest meeting on January 25, 2017. The bond certification with New York Mellon is complete and the other 2 reports will be completed within the next week.

Reviewed the sewer lateral connection on 1114 Freas Avenue property that needs to be moved and will be getting quotes.

ENGINEER – HRG

Authority Manager reviewed Erin Threet’s Engineer’s Report that the digesters are out for bid, which will be done electronically. Results should be completed by next regularly scheduled meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish reviewed the status of the Centrifuge, which has another week until it is finished. Also the Chlorinator has been problematic. Moyer Instruments was on site and has not come up with a conclusion to the problem. The plant employees are currently running in manual mode and getting the job done for now. Authority Manager

will contact Erin Threet from HRG to get her opinion as to whether it is worth repairing or just replacing and will also get costs to replace.

SOLICITOR

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move into executive session. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to move back into regular session. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Gloria Bobersky reviewed that the auditors are currently completing the 2016 audit.

Gloria Bobersky reviewed the savings for 9 months in 2016 by laying off four employees. The savings before settlement and unemployment payments was \$304,740.00. The net after these payments was \$190,000.00.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Superintendent Allan Fish are going to begin working on the PM Maintenance Program. Once employee Dennis Walck is finished working on the Centrifuge, he and Gloria will work together on this program.

OLD BUSINESS

Reviewed the status of Salem Township's delinquent accounts and properties not connected to the public sewer system currently.

Reviewed the status of the MS4 project and public hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Resolution #2-2017 for signatures at First Keystone Community Bank. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Resolution #1-2017 to accept changes to By-laws as passed at the last meeting. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by James Seeley to appoint 3 board members, the Authority Manager and retain Labor Attorney Eric Brown to a committee for contract negotiations. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Volunteers for the union committee board are Ernie Ashbridge, Jimmy Morris and James Seeley.

ADJOURN

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.