

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2014

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: Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Vice Chairman William Fairchild, Asst. Secretary Jim Seeley, 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 Engineer Threet from HRG. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present, and Attorney Mike Smith representing the Briar Creek Township John Gomez property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2014. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attorney Mike Smith from Hummel & Lewis law firm was present from the public, representing the Briar Creek Township residence of the deceased John Gomez, requesting all penalties be forgiven on this properties sewer account.

Motion made by George Welliver to decline the request of penalties being written off for the John Gomez property in Briar Creek Township. 2nd by William Fairchild. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes

All were not in favor yet the majority of the votes passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$284,925.12. 2nd by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

- N. Learn - Yes
- G. Pinterich - Yes
- W. Fairchild - Yes
- L. Biacchi - Yes
- G. Welliver - Yes
- J. Siecko - Yes
- J. Seeley - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Motion made by George Welliver to install bullet proof glass at front window, interior door and two side doors depending on the cost, if steel doors are cheaper go with steel doors. 2nd by Jim Seeley. All in favor and motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Allan Fish reviewed the DMR. It was completed with no violations. Two mixers are down and new ones are ordered. Allan also discussed the energy response program and that Digester #1 is blocked.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald reviewed the lawsuits for mismarked utilities that have been reviewed and filed, and another lawsuit for James T. O’Hara.

The easement for the pump station at the hotel in Mifflinville is complete.

The security issues at the Freas Avenue office should be taken seriously and currently working on getting quotes for security glass.

The pay issues of Board Members being paid by sitting on multiple boards representing their Borough/Township and BAJSA has been reviewed by the Solicitor and was found to be proper at this time.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the current ongoing projects on the agenda.

HRG

Engineer Threet discussed that Heisey Mechanical intends to correct issues in September 2014.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to allow HRG to put specs out for the digester roof to be repaired. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the use of generators by the Borough of Berwick for the Riverfest event in October 2014, unless the treatment plant is in need of them. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver not to allow the Berwick Area School Districts new schools cooling systems' condensate to enter into the sanitary sewer. This is in accordance with pre treatment ordinance. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to apply to Pennvest for both Phase I and Phase II projects on Mercer Street in the amount of \$1,905,126.40 (Phase I) and \$3,068,183.00 (Phase II). 2nd by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	No

All were not in favor but the majority of the votes passed the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$292,192.45 to Doli Construction for Mercer Street project. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve 5 ton of non-grade to be applied to the Iron Street property requested by Mr. Huntington. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	No
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	No
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	No
J. Siecko	-	No
J. Seeley	-	No

All were not in favor and the motion failed.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to table the discussion of Chris Broyan's request for BAJSA to apply for an HOP for the purpose of putting a line under a state road for personal use by his farm. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Anthony McDonald discussed a letter sent from the Briar Creek Township Solicitor regarding the property at 53 Maplewood Road – the berm was removed and soil is now washing into Lillian Petty's property. It is the Solicitor's remarks that being this is a seven year old incident, there isn't even a response necessary to this.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Steve Douthat's low bid proposal for asphalt repair and overlay on West Second Street. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Steve Douthat's low bid proposal for asphalt repair and overlay on Front Street. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the Property Damage Release for Doli Construction in regards to a water main break on Orange Street. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi not to remove finance charges for Deborah Yohey of Briar Creek Township of her tapage fees. 2nd by George Welliver. 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, September 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm.