# BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

# REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 14, 2015 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: Scott Bower, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Ernie Ashbridge, Asst. Secretary Jim Seeley, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Engineer Threet from HRG WAS absent. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present.

### REORGANIZATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate James Seeley for Chairman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate Jimmy Morris for Vice Chairman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to nominate Joe Siecko for President Pro Tem. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to nominate Nelson Learn for Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate Scott Bower for Secretary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate George Welliver for Assistant Treasurer.  $2^{nd}$  by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate Ernie Ashbridge for Assistant Secretary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate Gary Pinterich for Assistant 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

# **SET MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Motion made by Nelson Learn for meeting dates and times to stay as they are. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. 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 \$384,162.46. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn Yes G. Pinterich -Yes Yes S. Bower G. Welliver Yes J. Siecko Yes J. Seeley Yes E. Ashbridge -Yes J. Morris Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **REPORTS**

#### **MANAGER**

Manager discussed status of Chlorine building materials are in and Jerry Conner will be starting.

#### Engineer – Peters Consultants

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

Motion made by Scott Bower to put for bid Phase I and Phase II for Mercer Street. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn Yes G. Pinterich -No S. Bower Yes G. Welliver -Yes J. Siecko Yes J. Seeley Yes E. Ashbridge -Yes J. Morris Yes

Motion passed.

#### **SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Anthony McDonald is scheduling depositions for the lawsuit of mismarked utilities.

Solicitor McDonald is moving forward with scheduling 4 Sheriff Sales in Luzerne County at a cost of \$2,500.00 each, and 1 Sheriff Sale in Columbia County at a cost of \$1,350.00.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Resolution #1 of 2015 signatures for First Keystone Community Bank. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to pay Application #1 final for Mark Conner in the amount of \$11,670.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Substantial completion for Mark Conner effective January 6,  $2^{nd}$  by Gary Pinterich . All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Final completion for Mark Conner effective January 6, 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve Audit of DCED H2O grant money in the amount of \$3,200.00.  $2^{nd}$  by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to pay Application #1 for Zartman in the amount of \$84,583.25. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Joe Siecko to move into executive session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to move back into regular session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion made unanimously.

Motion made by Joe Siecko to not allow any more employees to use work time to negotiate union contracts.  $2^{nd}$  by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Joe Siecko to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.