

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2016
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, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Asst. and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris was absent. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Engineer Erin Threet, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Plant Superintendent Allan Fish, Matt Masich and Press Enterprise Susan Schwartz.

PUBLIC INPUT

Matt Masich addressed the board. Mr. Masich lives at the corner of Walnut and 16th Street. He purchased the house January 2016. He had Smith Sewer and Drain there and can only get so far out into the road. He hired Carl Rinehimer to dig open the sewer lateral. He is asking if the issue does not belong to him if the Authority will cover the cost of the repair.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris and 2nd by Scott Bower. If the lateral issue is the Sewer Authority's issue then BAJSA will pay the bills directly to the contractors. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2016. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,087,774.43. 2nd by Ben Mike. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge	-	Yes
B. Mike	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Went over the review of the Industrial Surcharge Resolution. Engineer Threet believe she thinks the resolution is in line.

Chairman addressed the thought of putting a roof over the Cannibal System. Engineer Threet states the cannibal is working she believes the performance was over stated which is why we received checks for performance. She will review data.

SOLICITOR – ANTHONY McDONALD

Tony McDonald discussed the Bridal Chateau lawsuit and that we are still in the discovery process.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the North of Front Street project being completed by Doli Construction. Doli has all trenches paved and 60 notice to finish up final pave.

A.D. George is requesting that final pave put the water on opposite side of street from him and another inlet be put in at North Street. Engineer discussed with board the cost to make the changes.

Motion made by Ben Mike upon recommendation of engineer, everything was put in properly and anything further needs to be taken up with the Borough. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer discussed the sanitary sewer line on the 1800 block of Spring Garden Avenue. Doli had made a repair at 1805 Spring Garden, the lateral was not properly reconnected by Doli. Roto Rooter tried to camera line and found the sewer main broken in front of 1814 Spring Garden Avenue. Doli denied breaking the sewer line and refuses to open up road to fix.

Motion made by Scott Bower to fix Spring Garden Avenue in front of 1814 Spring Garden Avenue under force account. Engineer will allow Doli to present to view. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer discussed Carl Andrews on Warren Street. The cost to install drywells was over the approved cost of \$35,000 the board previously made. This issue will be corrected in the last phase of storm water separation projects.

MS4 meetings are still in progress. BAJSA submitted information requested.

BerVaughn pool does not want to put a flow meter in due to cost. Letter was sent to supply the fixtures and engineer will give equivalent EDU to bill pool.

Letter was sent to Berwick Area School District in regards to what was installed for storm water on Washington Street School. This is the second letter to request the same information. This information is needed before BAJSA can allow them to connect to BAJSA owned storm water system.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish had gathered figures for flow meters for the hydrosieve. The prices collected range from \$9,000 to \$19,900. Mr. Fish does not think the accuracy is not

consistent with the flow meters. Discussion regarding charging haulers based on the truck capacity.

Motion made by Scott Bower to charge hauler for a full load of truck capacity effective July 1, 2016. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

The final application for East of Market Street was submitted to Pennvest. When the application is processed BAJSA can move forward with the new bond.

Reviewed that the Garibaldi came to BAJSA regarding the sinking of the curbs and sidewalks. BAJSA has pre-construction video that shows the curbs and sidewalks sunk before our storm water project started.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the time keeping for plant employees. The discussion was between keeping track of 8 hour days or keep doing paragraphs like is being completed now.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to not use an eight hour timecards for employees. 2nd by Scott Bower. Roll Call.

Gary Pinterich – yes
Jimmy Morris – yes
Ben Mike – yes
Scott Bower – yes
Ernie Ashbridge - no

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to accept Resolution 4 of 2016 in regards to charging rate payers for call outs after hours if the problem was not BAJSA related. 2nd by Ben Mike. Roll Call.

Ernie Ashbridge – yes
Scott Bower – yes
Ben Mike – yes
Jimmy Morris – yes
Jim Seeley - yes

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ben Mike to adjourn. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.