

**Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 13, 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, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Scott Bower, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Asst. and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Engineer Erin Threet, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Plant Superintendent Allan Fish, Carol Andrews from 533 Warren Street, Jim Long and Megan Kiliti from Berwick Pool Association, William Ferraro from Freas Avenue, Scott from Fought's Septic and Press Enterprise Susan Schwartz.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Carol Andrews of 533 Warren Street was present from the public to address her concerns for the storm water project not continuing down her street. She has been dealing with storm water issues for a long time and would like to see the project continue down her street to correct her storm water issues.

Scott Fought of Fought's Septic was present from the public to address his concern that since the hauled waste charges have been changed effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, he doesn't think it seems fair to be being charged to dump 1000 gallons at a 3600 gallon charge.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to revisit the Resolution of hauled waste charges for full loads and bring back to the table at the next regularly scheduled workshop. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Long and Megan Kiliti of the Berwick Pool Association were present from the public to address their concerns of the sewer charges for the new pool that has recently opened. Mr. Long stated that the calculations provided by Engineer Dennis Peters shows that they are being billed based on 536 pool occupants per day, billing the Association at 23.5 EDU's equaling their sewer bill to cost them \$846.00 per month. Megan Kiliti gave the statistics that the pool on average gets 60 pool occupants per day.

Motion made by Ben Mike to begin charging the Berwick Pool Association based on 60 pool occupants, with the option to revisit the number or occupants and raise the number of EDU's, if the occupant number increases. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. Ben Mike rescinds his motion.

Motion made by Ben Mike to discuss the Berwick Pool Association at the next scheduled workshop on August 4<sup>th</sup> and they do not need to pay their bill until the Association hears back from the board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

William Ferraro of Freas Avenue was present from the public to address his concern of what the BAJSA sewer board's goal is. Also projected a comparison of BAJSA sewer board member's compensation of \$350.00 per month versus Bloomsburg sewer board member's compensation of \$60.00 per month and asked why such a large difference in compensation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Ashbridge. Joe Siecko abstained. All others in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$182,058.76. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**ENGINEER – HRG**

Reviewed that the Water Quality Management Part II Permit Application has been submitted to DEP and no response has been received in writing as of yet.

Also has begun reviewing the operating data to gauge the operation of the cannibal system and will provide an update at next month's meeting.

**SOLICITOR – ANTHONY McDONALD**

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

Discussed that a letter needs to be sent to Salem property owner Brent Custer regarding large past due sewer bill.

**ENGINEER – PETERS**

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the North of Front Street project being completed by Doli Construction. Doli has 2 sewer repairs to make on Spring Garden Avenue and then they will begin prep and paving July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Engineer stated that the Berwick Pool Association numbers were based on DEP manual because they did not want to install a flow meter.

The new Berwick Elementary school on Washington Street has finally complied and gave Engineer Peters all their information on their inlets and storm water lines, have made the necessary connections and Engineer Peters has inspected everything.

Turkey Hill has provided Engineer Peters with infiltration rates for the drywells they had installed so that it can be ensured that their drywells do not overflow out into Front Street and into our storm water sewer system.

BIDA sewer easements will be completed on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed that there are issues with the Cannibal tank and Martz Technologies is currently working on them.

Mixers are back and are in the process of being put back in the tanks.

**MANAGER**

Reviewed the health care information in the board members packets and explained that the current health care plan may again be available for 2017, but costs associated will not be available until October of this year.

Will be attending a meeting tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>, with Berwick Borough Manager Debra Force and Berwick Borough Supervisor Jack Kittle regarding the MS4.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by George Welliver to start the last project and get it complete. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Siecko, with the understanding that all of the engineering is already completed. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

- E. Ashbridge - Yes
- B. Mike - Yes
- S. Bower - No
- J. Seeley - Yes
- G. Pinterich - No
- J. Morris - Yes
- J. Siecko - Yes
- G. Welliver - Yes

Majority was in favor and the motion passed.

George Welliver brought up the question as to whether BAJSA should camera and clean the sewer line of the last four parcels on Spring Garden Avenue before Doli paves. This was discussed and we will camera the lines, and clean and camera the sewer main.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to accept the Amendment to the Lycoming County Landfill Agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday August 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm.