

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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 Gary Pinterich 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 Gary Pinterich, Secretary Scott Bower, 2nd Assistant Treasurer James Seeley, Pres. Pro Tem Richard Talanca, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Treasurer George Welliver and Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris were absent. Also in attendance were: Angie Slusser from Peters Consultants, Erin Threet from HRG, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public was John Definnis, Bill Toth and Bobby Christian from Rolling Pines and Plant Superintendent Allan Fish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve the meeting minutes of September 13, 2017. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Definnis was present from the public to address the possibility of connecting Rolling Pines Golf Course to the BAJSA system. BAJSA will have Engineer Dennis Peters look into capacity level options and provide Mr. Definnis with an answer at a later date.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,625,771.09. 2nd by James Seeley. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Erin Threet recommended issuance of Change Order No. 2 to Greenland Construction, Inc., which formalizes the addition of auxiliary blowers and deletion of process piping painting that was previously authorized via Work Change Directive No. 1.

Motion made by Ben Mike to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$7,200.00 to Greenland Construction, Inc. 2nd by James Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Motion made by Ben Mike to accept Change Order No. 3 to Greenland Construction, Inc. to reduce the contract price by \$63,000 and accept blowers with reduced capacity and to increase substantial completion till December 15, 2017 and final completion till December 30, 2017 by Engineer HRG. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ben Mike to accept Change Order No. 1 to Arc Electric to increase substantial completion till December 15, 2017 and final completion till December 30, 2017 by Engineer HRG. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed the Air Pack Certification sign-up sheet.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve sending all 5 employees who have signed up for Air Pack Certification class and authorize Susquehanna Fire Co. to recertify the air packs at the WWTP. 2nd by James Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager discussed with the board members a call received by a resident on Ferris Avenue who stated that once BAJSA started the storm water separation project, he began getting rats in his basement. Based on no significant evidence of where the rats actually came from, the board refrains at this time from paying the resident's Keystone Pest Mgmt. bill until further evidence can be given.

Manager discussed resident Clint Frantz who owns 405 E. Front Street in Berwick, who is requesting a penalty forgiveness of \$980.95.

Motion made by Rick Talanca to approve the removal of \$980.95 in penalties on the sewer account of the property at 405 E. Front Street in Berwick. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager stated that BAJSA is now forgiven for all county and school taxes for the vacant lot at 1114 Freas Avenue.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed bearings ordered two weeks ago for the C-clarifier #2 at the plant. Also the rebuild of the inside of the C-clarifier is almost completed.

The Polymer feed is getting automated feed tomorrow by Martz Technologies.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor had nothing new to report.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Angie Slusser reviewed the report and status update of the Anrich Inc. project.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to accept the substantial completion dated October 6, 2017 for Anrich, Inc. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick Talanca discussed the residents of Salem Township who still need to be connected to the BAJSA system before Salem Township can turn over their system to BAJSA.

The permit to correct the original Salem Township sewer extension project issues is close to being completed in order to put the project out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve Pay Application #6 for Anrich in the amount of \$205,188.12. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ben Mike to approve the revised MMO for pension in 2018 in the amount of \$163,927.00. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

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