

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011
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 Steven Fraind at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was presented.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were as follows: Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Asst. Secretary William Fairchild, Asst. Treasurer W. Bruce Michael, Secretary Louis Biacchi, 2nd and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver. Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich was absent.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Erin Threet from HRG was absent. Present from the public were Allan Fish and Rich Banks from the BAJSA Treatment Plant, George Fantry of Berwick Borough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of September 1, 2011 and September 14, 2011. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

George Fantry from 223 Maple Road in Berwick Borough was present from the public questioning where all of the rain is coming from and why the storm inlets are not getting any better as far as taking in storm water? Engineer Dennis Peters replied with an explanation of storm events.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$474,473.97. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
B. Michael	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed 2 claims filed for the storm water issued to BAJSA’s insurance. Only one is currently in process, the other is on hold due to the claimant not owning the property.

Wise Foods approached Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky asking BAJSA to allow Wise Foods to contribute their storm water off of Mercer Street to the Treatment Plant. According to the Berwick Borough ordinance quoted by Engineer Dennis Peters, this is not feasible, and BAJSA is unable to accept their storm water.

PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status for the Front and Second Street, BIDA Complex, Oak to Vine to Woodin Streets, East of Market Street and North of Ida Streets Sanitary Sewer/Storm water Separation projects.

HRG

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed that the Nutrient Credits have been sold and money has been deposited. Phosphorus Credits are in the process of being sold to Mountaintop Sewer Authority.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald mentioned that there was a 15 minute executive session prior to this regularly scheduled meeting this evening, regarding litigation issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the changes that should be made since the recent flooding and storm water events.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Payment Application #5 for James T. O’Hara in the amount of \$115,836.53. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor with the exception of W. Bruce Michael, so roll call vote taken and was as follows:

- N. Learn - Yes
- G. Welliver - Yes
- J. Morris - Yes
- L. Biacchi - No
- W. Michael - No
- W. Fairchild - Yes

4 to 2 vote wins, and the motion passed.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve MMO payment for 2012 in the amount of \$127,104.00. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed generators at Mifflinville and Salem Townships that are not currently connected to panel boxes.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed a letter she received from Sharon Babb regarding 1619 Rear Orange Street large past due balance, including penalties. Ms. Babb is requesting the board write off penalties and she will pay the remaining outstanding sewer charges.

Motion made by George Welliver to drop the penalties, if balance is paid in full in one lump sum, for Sharon Babb's account at 1619 Rear Orange Street in Berwick. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

W. Bruce Michael reviewed a memo he had drawn up regarding Briar Creek Borough's requests to changes to their system in the weight of the 500 year flood.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to have Engineer Dennis Peters review W. Bruce Michael's memo requests regarding Briar Creek Borough's pump station. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Louis Biacchi 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, November 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm.