

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013
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: Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Vice Chairman William Fairchild, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko, and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver and Asst. Secretary W. Bruce Michael.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineers Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Allan Fish and Richard Banks were present from the WWTP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2013. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. 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 \$430,976.86. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

SOLICITOR

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to suspend the rules and move Solicitor Anthony McDonald reports to the end of the meeting to an executive session. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORITY MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky distributed copies of the 2014 Budget and discussed forming a committee for the upcoming budget.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve a refund from 2006 forward to Holy Annunciation Church, due to water meters being set up incorrectly in the BAJSA Utility Billing system meter numbers were switched between the church and the rectory, in the amount of \$3,601.36 with a signed release of settlement. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the projects listed on the agenda.

ENGINEER – HRG

No one was present from HRG, yet discussion was made regarding Payment Application submitted by Heisey Mechanical.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to charge Heisey Mechanical \$20,090.00, per contract, for liquidated damages. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor, with the exception of W. Bruce Michael, and the motion passed.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to authorize Authority Manager to work with HRG Engineer on a spec sheet to work up a bid for the interior walls of the digester buildings to be repaired at the WWTP. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver accept a blended rate of \$72.00 per month for Briar Creek Township Extension (areas include Woodcrest, Briar Crest and State Hill) and mail out letters explaining the rate increase. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor, with Jimmy Morris abstaining and the motion passed.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to move into executive session. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to return to regular session. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to reconsider the vote for the blended Briar Creek Township rate increase. 2nd by William Fairchild. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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G. Pinterich	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
W. Michael	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to approve putting a roof over the Grit System as well as design for a three sided wall shield at the WWTP. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to adjourn. 2nd by W. Bruce Michael. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm.