

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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, Treasurer George Welliver, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres. Pro Tem Joseph Siecko. Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge was absent. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public were Plant Superintendent Allan Fish and Rosa Fisher of 928 Rayellen Drive of Salem Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2016. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Rosa Fisher of 928 Rayellen Drive in Salem Township was present from the public to address the board for forgiveness of her outstanding sewer bill and tappage fees with large amounts of penalties included in these outstanding balances. In addition, the property is also not connected to the public sewer system.

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to forgive the property at 928 Rayellen Drive, currently resided by Daniel & Rosa Fisher, of interest and penalties in the amount of \$3,043.38 on the outstanding sewer bill and interest and penalties in the amount of \$1,197.24 on the outstanding tappage fee. These write offs of interest and penalties are with the understanding that 1). the payment of \$1,600.00 is being paid this evening for the balance left on the tappage fee. 2). the property will become connected to public sewer by April of 2017. 3). the remaining balance of \$344.61 is being paid this evening on account #410270 to be paid up to date in full. 4). should any of these terms become defaulted, all fees of interest and penalties that were written off will again be put back onto the accounts. 2nd by Benjamin Mike. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

B. Mike	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Abstained

G. Pinterich - Yes
J. Morris - Yes
J. Siecko - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes

All in favor with the exception of one abstained and the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$330,816.60. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Erin Threet was absent.

MANAGER

Gloria Bobersky discussed that the Pennvest Application is completed and received.

Manager discussed that the pump station upgrade grant has been submitted.

Manager discussed the On-line bill software, WebLink, that is being presented by Diversified Technologies for BAJSA’s new way of on-line bill paying. With this software, customers can look up their own accounts, including history, consumption, etc... The annual fee for this software is \$240.00.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move forward with Diversified Technologies online bill pay software, WebLink, for an annual cost of \$240.00. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager discussed the speed of our current Verizon DSL internet connection that is causing a problem for our offsite nightly backups. Innotek Computer Consulting is recommending that we upgrade our internet to MetroCast cable connection for faster backup speeds.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky to change BAJSA's Administrative Office internet connection from Verizon DSL to MetroCast cable for an addition \$50.00 per month. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the trailer BAJSA now owns next to Administrative Office on Freas Avenue. BAJSA Board directed Authority Manager to place an advertisement in the Press Enterprise that the trailer can be had for free, but new owner must haul. BAJSA will dispose of the decks and the roof that are in terrible shape.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish had nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR – ANTHONY McDONALD

Tony McDonald discussed his communication with Attorney Smith regarding a payoff proposal from Brent Custer at the property of 15 Harts Road. Attorney McDonald has yet to hear from Attorney Smith with a response.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the North of Front Street project that is now completed and Final Payment by Doli Construction is being requested.

The North of Front Street Phase III plans and contract documents are ready to submit. Advertisement of bids will be on November 17th and 28th of 2016 and the bids will then be opened at 11:00 a.m. on December 12, 2016. Dennis will then have a recommendation by the December meeting.

Motion made by George Welliver to accept the Final Completion for the North of Front Street project. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed the MS-4 meeting with all of Columbia Counties municipalities. Their estimated cost to join the MS-4 group, if all 15 municipalities join the group, would be \$7,000.00 annually, for the first year only. This cost would depend on how many municipalities stay within the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to accept the proposal from Peters Consultants for the MS-4 mapping and administration services. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Final Pay Application for Doli Construction in the amount of \$555,170.45. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to adjourn. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday December 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.