

# **BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2014**

### **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: Scott Bower, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Vice Chairman William Fairchild, Asst. Secretary Jim Seeley, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Engineer Threet from HRG. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present. Jamie Slusser from Briar Creek Township was present from the public.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Jamie Slusser from 20 Juniper Street in Briar Creek Township was present from the public to inquire on why it seems his sewer rate is higher than his neighbors. Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky pulled the billing/payment history on Mr. Slusser's account and it is not that his rate is different than his neighbors; it is that his account is behind on current payments.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$211,384.23. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**HRG**

Engineer Threet discussed that HRG is requesting that the Authority consider an update to their existing retainer agreement, and provided a draft for the board's review and consideration.

Motion made by George Welliver to accept HRG's updated retainer agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Threet discussed the Substantial Completion date for the Sludge Conveyor project was established for November 18, 2014. PSI has provided closeout documentation to HRG and addressed their punch list items, therefore, a copy of the Notice of Acceptability of Work and the closeout documents have been provided to the Authority.

**MANAGER**

Manager discussed status of union negotiations.

Jerry Conner was awarded the Chlorine building roof project at the WWTP in the amount of \$13,200.00.

**PLANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Plant Superintendent Fish discussed pricing for the compactor screw for the Cannibal system. First price for the screw received was \$2,600.00 and the gear box was \$600.00

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Anthony McDonald is scheduling depositions for the lawsuit of mismarked utilities.

Solicitor McDonald is moving forward with scheduling 4 Sheriff Sales in Luzerne County at a cost of \$2,500.00 each, and 1 Sheriff Sale in Columbia County at a cost of \$1,350.00.

**ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS**

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the current ongoing projects on the agenda.

The Mercer Street to Orange Street contract is complete by Doli with a two year warranty.

The Weis Markets storm water project is not started yet due to their foreman passing away. A new foreman has been assigned and they plan to start in the spring.

The Digester roof has all of the planks in place by Zartman Construction and the next step is to install the insulation, rubber roofing and flashing.

The Mercer Street II project is approximately two weeks away from being ready to bid if the board wishes to move forward.

Engineer Peters is currently working on the three reports for the bonding company.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the Notice of Final Completion for Doli, North of Mercer Street project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Brewer and Co. to complete the 2014 audit in the amount of \$21,100.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the 2015 budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Fairchild. All in favor, with Scott Bower abstaining, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve the deduction for Zartman Construction traffic control in the amount of \$2,675.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by James Seeley to approve final pay application #1 for PSI in the amount of \$54,400.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing union contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to move back into regular session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion made unanimously.

William Fairchild from Salem Township has been replaced by Ernie Ashbridge. Will believes Ernie will be an asset to the Authority. Will thanks the Authority board and the Authority Manager for a job well done.

**ADJOURN**

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.