

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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, Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Asst. Secretary William Fairchild, Asst. Treasurer W. Bruce Michael, Asst. 2nd Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Erin Threet from HRG. Present from the public were Joseph Siecko from Salem Township and Attorney Lori Bollick representing O'Hara.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2011. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$131,631.72. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky briefly discussed Union Contract meeting scheduled for December 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

PETERS CONSULTANTS

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

Engineer Dennis Peters discussed the catwalk design and the additional steel that is needed for it at the WWTP.

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed his redesigning of the flood proofing at the pump stations and how there are leaks that need to be repaired at the Mifflinville Township and Briar Creek Township pump stations.

HRG

Engineer Erin Threet reviewed plant data for Cannibal and will forward to Siemens. Siemens will be calculating the annual penalty for the first 2 years and one more payment will be due payable for the Cannibal System at the WWTP.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to proceed with the proposal to acquire permits for the Pista Grit system at the WWTP. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor, with the exception of William Fairchild, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to adopt the budget for 2012. 2nd by George Welliver and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the long term 20 year commitment to sell the nutrients to Mercuria. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. Under the question by W. Bruce Michael on whether Mercuria can break the contract.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to table this decision on committing to the long term agreement with Mercuria. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

J. Morris - Yes
S. Fraind - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to contact Mercuria requesting the terms of the contract before committing. Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky already had the terms of the contract and will e-mail the contract to the board members. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Pay Application #1 to James T. O'Hara in the amount of \$313,579.66 for the East of Market Street project. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Nelson Learn to move back into regular session. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm.