

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 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: Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Louis Biacchi, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Vice Chairman William Fairchild, Asst. Secretary Jim Seeley, Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public was David Albertson, Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the meeting minutes of May 14, 2014. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

David Albertson was present from the public as an intern at Bull, Bull and McDonald's office.

Joe Siecko was present under public input requesting a refund for his property he owns at 519 Susquehanna Avenue. He has been paying a sewer bill for many years, yet he does not have any plumbing hooked up at this property, and feels he should not have been paying sewer bills. Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald will review the Ordinance for this situation and in the meantime, Mr. Siecko will provide the board at the next meeting with receipts of previous payments.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$181,599.16. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes

L. Biacchi - Yes
G. Welliver - Yes
J. Siecko - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve that BAJSA extend the french drain at the property 128 Foundryville Road owned by Dave Roberts to eliminate large amounts of water that lie in his yard due to the sewer install. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed the tasks of final connection notices sent out for Salem and Briar Creek Townships and water shut offs for non-payment of sewer.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald reviewed the lawsuits for mismarked utilities that are still pending, as well as the lawsuit with James. T. O'Hara.

Addressed that the law prohibits a board member sitting on the BAJSA board and sitting on their council board and getting paid for both positions simultaneously.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

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

Motion made by George Welliver to authorize Engineer Dennis Peters to move forward with the sewer extension on Ruckle Hill Road. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

HRG

Erin Threet was not present at this meeting.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed the bids that were opened June 10, 2014 for the ditch mixers and sludge conveyor replacements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve notice of award to Landia for 6 ditch mixers replacements in the amount of \$113,400.00. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve notice of award to PSI for sludge conveyor replacement in the amount of \$54,400.00. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of (\$14,204.00) deduct for Doli Construction. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$376,917.30 for Doli Construction at Mercer Street. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$719,679.57 for Doli Construction at Mercer Street. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve changing Mifflinville Township commercial accounts from being billed at a flat quarterly rate to a monthly metered rate. 2nd Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to authorize that BAJSA remove the finance charges in the amount of \$3,379.94 for the Wagner property at 112 East Third Street in Mifflinville, under the condition that the property has to be connected to the public sewer system by September 1, 2014. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor, with the exception of Joe Siecko, Will Fairchild and Jimmy Morris, hence the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to adjourn. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.