

**BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 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, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Asst. Secretary William Fairchild, Asst. Treasurer W. Bruce Michael, Secretary Louis Biacchi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Erin Threet from HRG was absent. Present from the public were Allan Fish and Rich Banks from the BAJSA Treatment Plant, Barb Peters from Briar Creek Township, William Croop from Briar Creek Boro, Shannon Johnson from 225 Maple Road, Janet Lewis from 221 Maple Road, Sue Bower from 224 Maple Road and Rob Palemero from 8 W Maple Lane and several other residents from Park Place, Briar Creek Borough and Press Enterprise reporter Susan Swartz.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Barb Peters of 6 Foundryville Road in Briar Creek Township was present from the public to request that BAJSA contribute some of the costs incurred to install the lateral for her sewer hook-up. Ms. Peters stated the cost of this project would be \$4300.00.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to pay Barb Peters \$3000.00 towards installation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis Biacchi. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
B. Michael	-	No
S. Fraind	-	Yes
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes

Motion passed.

William Croop expressed concerns about the manhole at Welliver Road.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to allow Allan Fish to handle helping Catawissa to get back up and running from the recent flood. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Board had lengthy discussion about the storm water & sewer problems in Park Place Village. Many residents describe their individual problems and concerns.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$479,666.63. 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Fairchild. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**MANAGER**

Motion made by George Welliver to reprove Berwick Golf for interest on their sewer account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**PETERS CONSULTANTS**

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status for the Front and Second Street Sanitary Sewer/Storm water Separation project. Abbonizio has notice to Proceed.

Engineer Dennis Peters is waiting on the as-built information for the BIDA Complex Sanitary Sewer/Storm water separation project.

The Oak to Vine to Woodin Street Sanitary Sewer/Storm water Separation project paving is completed. Doli Construction will be complete in 5 days.

North of Ida Street – continue forward with new Pennvest application to meet November 2011 deadline.

Discussed Park Place Project for existing storm water inlets/drywells. Lou Biacchi expressed his concern to start and complete project in September 2011.

**HRG**

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to authorize HRG to move forward with Pista Grit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by Nelson Learn to accept resolution #4 of 2011 to increase Storm Water Operation and Maintenance fee by \$3.50 per month for Berwick Borough. 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Bruce Michael. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed issues of uncompleted projects at the plant over the last two years. Bruce Michael expressed his concerns of why these projects have not been completed. Engineer will design a way to complete with the material purchased for catwalk area in Cannibal building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve pay application #7 for Doli Construction for Continuation of Oak Street in the amount of \$133,718.13. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to have Dennis Peters bring back designs to restrict flow on the Parallel Interceptor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to have Dennis bring back designs for BCB and Mifflin pump stations by February or March 2012. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed Salem Township inflow issues and have directed road crew to inspect Salem Township and fix any issues found.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by W. Bruce Michael to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm.