

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
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: Secretary Scott Bower, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Assistant Treasurer George Welliver, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. 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. Don Andreas and Denise Perry from 326 N. Vine Street, Berwick were also present.

PUBLIC INPUT

Don Andreas and Denise Perry were present from the public to discuss the vacancy and water off of the property located at 326 Rear North Vine Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2015, with the change that Erin Threet from HRG was present. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$182,673.77. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
E. Ashbridge	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Engineer Erin Threet reviewed the Nutrient Trading Assistance credits and Blower upgrades at the WWTP.

MANAGER

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed that the Pennvest award was changed from federal money to state money, which means less requirements for BAJSA.

Discussed the exoneration policy for a commercial building that is vacant on well for Big B Restaurant in Salem Township.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to have Big B Restaurant winterize the building in order to receive the exoneration for the months that the building is vacant, just as BAJSA considers for residential properties, and not require them to remove the toilets. 2nd by Scott Bower.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to withdrawal the above referenced motion regarding Big B Restaurant. 2nd by Scott Bower.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to table the motion and revise Resolution 2008-1 for Exoneration Policy. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky dispersed copies of the 2016 Budget to all board members, who were all in agreement for Gloria to finish up the budget and then bring it back to the table, with no budget committee required at this time.

Discussed the need for a Vac-truck and the cost to purchase with required CDL drivers versus the cost over the years outsourcing the services. Decision to postpone the purchase of a Vac-truck until October 1st workshop was made by Chairman James Seeley.

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Allan Fish reported that blower #4 is still not online at the WWTP.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald discussed between now and the next meeting he has some work to complete for the Pennvest loan closing, and will produce Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky with the information needed.

The Bridal Chateau lawsuit has been received by Solicitor Anthony McDonald yet he is waiting to respond due to a possible pending notice by them.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the Project 1 North of Front Street project that went out for bid and bids will be opened on September 21st at 11:00 a.m. There will then be a Special Meeting on September 23rd to consider awarding the bid.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the 2016 Pension MMO in the amount of \$122,870.00. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move to executive session. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

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

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