

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
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: Chairman Jim Seeley, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Scott Bower, Treasurer George Welliver, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Pres. Pro Tem Joseph Siecko and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Engineer Erin Threet, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public were Plant Superintendent Allan Fish Plant Assistant Superintendent Janel Yorks and Melissa Stoker from 504 East 4th Street in Berwick.

PUBLIC INPUT

Melissa Stoker of 504 East 4th Street in Berwick was present from the public to address the board with her situation of her outstanding sewer bill and tappage fees with large amounts of penalties included in these outstanding balances. House was owned by her deceased mother and is still in an Estate. In addition, the property is also not connected to the public sewer system.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to forgive the property at 504 East 4th Street, current resided by Melissa Stoker, of interest and penalties in the amount of \$4,964.97 on the outstanding sewer bill and interest and penalties in the amount of \$1,168.68 on the outstanding tappage fee. These write off's of interest and penalties are with the understanding that 1). the payment of \$1,250.00 will be paid within 60 days for the balance left on the tappage fee. 2). the property will become connected to public sewer. 3). the monthly payment of \$100.00 will be made on the \$3,554.71 balance left on account #403200 until paid in full, in addition to the current monthly billing amount of \$60.00. 4). should these terms become defaulted, all fees of interest and penalties that were written off will again be put back onto the accounts. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge	-	Yes
B. Mike	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	No
G. Pinterich	-	Yes

J. Morris - Yes
J. Siecko - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes

All in favor with the exception of one no and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2016. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$234,911.06. 2nd by Scott Bower. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge - Yes
B. Mike - Yes
S. Bower - Yes
G. Welliver - Yes
G. Pinterich - Yes
J. Morris - Yes
J. Siecko - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Erin Threet discussed status of the Blower upgrade project on her monthly report.

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to authorize HRG to move forward with the Final Design Phase of the Blower System Project in the amount of \$47,300.00, contingent upon the Part II Permit from DEP. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Gloria Bobersky discussed the next MS4 October meeting and should have more information after attending that meeting.

Manager discussed the possibility of sending a BAJSA employee to a back flow preventer class to become a licensed inspector. The board was not in favor of proceeding with sending an employee to become certified.

Manager discussed the property of 1114 Freas Avenue next to the BAJSA Admin office, stating she was approached by the current property owner, Leo Talanca, inquiring if the BAJSA board would be interested in purchasing this property. Mr. Talanca would like to

walk away with \$10,000.00, BAJSA paying all closing costs, and stated that the property is currently appraised at \$21,000.00.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the purchase of the property at 1114 Freas Avenue in the amount of \$10,000.00, pending no liens are currently held on the property. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge	-	Yes
B. Mike	-	Yes
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed that the plant is close on the phosphorus limits.

SOLICITOR – ANTHONY McDONALD

Tony McDonald discussed the letter received from an attorney representing Fought’s Disposal threatening litigation on the Authority.

Motion made George Welliver to authorize Tony McDonald to respond back to the letter received from Fought’s Disposal representation, stating that they can dispose of their waste at another facility if our rules are not in their favor, and if the issue continues to be pressed by them, BAJSA will be forced to pull their permit. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge	-	Yes
B. Mike	-	Abstained
S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes

All in favor with the exception of one abstained and the motion passed.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the North of Front Street project being completed by Doli Construction. Currently waiting on a letter from Doli’s one storage area owner for clearance, there are some Change Orders still open and not signed and returned by Doli, a pending Pay Application that is not finalized yet and a solid manhole lid that needs to be replaced yet at the alley of A.D. DeGeorge’s property.

The new construction project is estimated at 2.7 million dollars with NPDES already approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to approve Resolution #5 for PA Small Water and Sewer Programs. 2nd by Gary Pintereich. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by George Welliver 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 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.