

**Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 8, 2017**  
**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 Gary Pinterich 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 Gary Pinterich, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Scott Bower, Treasurer George Welliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer James Seeley, Pres. Pro Tem Richard Talanca, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Erin Threet from HRG. Engineer Dennis Peters was absent. Present from the public were Plant Superintendent Allan Fish, Janel Yorks and Alfred Houseknecht of 107 Summerhill Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. Ernie Ashbridge abstained. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alfred Houseknecht was present to request that he only be charged for 1 EDU, yet not have to remove the toilet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EDU of the apartment.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike for Alfred Houseknecht to provide a letter to the Authority, stating that he is going to convert the property back to one EDU with no intention of occupancy, and BAJSA will keep the letter on file. As well as go to the US Post Office and have the address removed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

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 \$175,989.29. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**ENGINEER – HRG**

Erin Threet discussed the disinfection analysis at the WWTP and provided two alternatives in place of the current gaseous chlorine system in place. Erin also discussed the status of repairs to the centrifuge and questioned the board if they would like her to move forward with researching possible alternatives in replacing the centrifuge, and the board approved.

Erin discussed the Aeration Blowers Upgrade Project. The Notice of Intent to Award was awarded to Greenland Construction, Inc. and Arc Electric Construction Company on February 13, 2017 and Award is anticipated on or around March 9, 2017.

The conversation of the heaters in the cannibal building was discussed by Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, proposing to not use the inoperable hanging heaters, and on a go forward basis, use the electrical units recently purchased. Engineer Erin Threet reviewed the facts of the heating/exhaust code requirements for the cannibal building, configuring that the overall costs should decrease and save the authority money.

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Allan Fish discussed the status of the Plant. The Press is now being run throughout the weekends, to compensate for the Centrifuge being down, until parts are ordered and the Centrifuge is back up and running.

**ENGINEER – PETERS**

Dennis Peters was not present, but Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed Engineer Peters report on the table of the status on the MS4 application.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move into executive session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move back into regular session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Benjamin Mike. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**MANAGER**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed short term investments with larger rate of return for cash account and found it not in the best interest of the Authority to move forward at this time.

Discussed the 2013 Bond Debt Reserve account and should have a rate of March 21, 2017, which would then give the Authority a rate of return. We are currently getting a zero rate of return.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike not to accept the Clover Hill Agreement for pump station maintenance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

S. Bower	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes
R. Talanca	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes
B. Mike	-	Yes
E. Ashbridge	-	Yes

All in favor, with the exception of Scott Bower, and the motion passed.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the extension on the contract with Disposal Management Services, Inc. for sludge hauling removal for one year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to approve payment of a bill in the amount of \$100.00 to the homeowner at 228 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street due to a sewer main blockage. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Benjamin Mike. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Over one hundred shut off postings were delivered to delinquent account properties on March 1, 2017 and they are scheduled for shut off on March 15, 2017.

**SOLICITOR – ANTHONY MCDONALD**

Solicitor had nothing new to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Salem Township board member Rick Talanca reported there are 23 remaining Salem Township properties currently not connected to the public sewer. DEP has a meeting coming up with Senator John Gordner, who stated to Rick Talanca to let him aware of DEP's response back to him. Rick sent an email to DEP but has yet to receive a response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Change Order #1 for Anrich in the amount of \$452.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to approve Resolution #4 of 2017 Pension Chief Administrative Officer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Resolution #5 of 2017 for signatures at First Keystone Bank. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to approve CMS for seal coating at the Administration Building and the Plant Area. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris 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 April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.