

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 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 were Barbara Peters from Briar Creek Township, John Definnis from Rolling Pines Golf Course and Keith Martin from Q&A Pest Control. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2014. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Keith Martin from Q&A Pest Control was present from the public to address business he has to offer on the BAJSA Administration building.

Barb Peters was present from the public to question as to why she cannot connect her sewer line from her house into the manhole by gravity.

Motion made by George Welliver to cancel a motion made two years ago, in September of 2011, to pay Barb Peters \$3,000.00 towards connecting to the sewer main, due to lack of connection over the past three years. 2nd by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Abstain
J. Seeley	-	Yes

In favor of the majority votes

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to purchase and supply grinder pump for Barbara Peters at 6 Foundryville Road in Briar Creek Township, with the understanding of the 60 day notice to connect and Ms. Peters will use septic tank as her holding tank. 2nd by Will Fairchild. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to not order the grinder pump for Barbara Peters until the tappage fee for 6 Foundryville Road is paid in full. 2nd by James Seeley. No others were in favor and the motion failed.

Motion made by Joe Siecko to forgive finance charges for Barbara Peters at 6 Foundryville Road. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	No
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	No
L. Biacchi	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	No
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	No

The motion failed.

John Definnis from Rolling Pines Golf Course was present from the public to address the possibility of developing housing on Rolling Pines Golf Course of possibly up to 300 EDU's. BAJSA will supply Mr. Definnis with previous information that we have.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$350,060.84. 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

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the agreement for Reliance Fire Company Fire Fighters with the Borough of Berwick in terms of Worker’s Compensation policy. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to authorize Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Solicitor Anthony McDonald to move forward with the lawsuit for mismarked utilities. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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 PennVest grant application for Mercer Street North of Front Street Phase I project. Project costs were quoted by Engineer Dennis Peters to total \$4,000,000.00. 2nd by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	No
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	No
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	No
J. Seeley	-	No

The motion failed.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #2 decrease to Doli in the amount of \$2,975.00. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

HRG

Erin Threet reviewed her monthly report.

Motion made by George Welliver to authorize advertisement for bid in May 2014 for the Sludge Conveyor Replacement project set to occur in Fall 2014. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve HRG’s proposal to assist with the Mixer Procurement replacement project specs. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to use existing funds available to pay for storm water project costs instead of raising the Borough of Berwick rates. 2nd by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Signature Authorization for PennVest to Authority Manager and Engineer. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve 2nd amendment to waste disposal agreement for Lycoming County landfill. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Change Order #1 for Doli in the deduction amount of \$186,002.60. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm.