

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 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, Secretary Scott Bower, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, Assistant Treasurer George Welliver, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko and Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Allan Fish.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate James Seeley for Chairman. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to nominate Jimmy Morris for Vice Chairman. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate Joe Siecko for President Pro Tem. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate George Welliver for Treasurer. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate Scott Bower for Secretary. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate Benjamin Mike for Assistant Treasurer. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate Ernie Ashbridge for Assistant Secretary. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to nominate Gary Pinterich for Assistant 2nd Treasurer. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SET MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Motion made by Joseph Siecko that Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and Special Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, both beginning at 6:00 p.m.. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2015. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. 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 \$348,449.32. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Reviewed the status of North of Front Street project. The video is not complete yet, there has been no timeline given however the piping has been delivered.

Denny Peters reviewed the Iron Street grease analysis that Denny Peters has inspected and evaluated. His conclusion is that the grease is coming from Wise Foods and recommends that a 14” elbow be installed where terra cotta line hits Iron Street and get the flow going down towards the river by the Interceptor. Denny will schedule a meeting with Wise Foods regarding sample collections for grease.

Denny Peters reviewed that the Salem Township grinder pumps in Beach Haven are hooked up to high pressure lines, with none being installed to low pressure lines. With how this is currently connected, the concern is that this will eventually cause the back flow preventers to malfunction at some point and cause a blowout of sewer. This being the case, the board is not planning on taking over Salem Township lines at this time.

ENGINEER – HRG

Reviewed the report regarding the blowers, which are in the preliminary design stages.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish reviewed that there were two violations this month.

SOLICITOR

Tony McDonald reviewed that the Yuscavage's who own the property at 122 Main Street in Beach Haven has filed for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy, which means that anything owed to BAJSA prior to the date bankruptcy was filed, BAJSA cannot push to collect. Bankruptcy payments would be made to us on a monthly basis from the bankruptcy trustee. Now Mr. Yuscavage is requesting that he would like to connect to the public sewer, but he has yet to pay the tappage fee, which he has included in his bankruptcy filing.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to not allow Mr. Yuscavage hook up his property at 122 Main Street in Beach Haven until tappage payments are paid through the bankruptcy trustee or BAJSA receives a court order. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Gloria Bobersky reviewed that the auditors are currently completing the 2015 audit and have come up with a few questions for the Superintendent.

Gloria Bobersky reviewed the quote Martz Technologies has given in the amount of \$11,550.00 for fixing the WAS pumps, which would make the system more automated.

Motion made by George Welliver to move forward with Martz Technologies proposal in the amount of \$11,550.00 to automate the WAS pumps, with Gloria Bobersky inquiring about a warranty. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

James Seeley requested that Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky send Nelson Learn a 10 year appreciation letter for his services to BAJSA.

Motion was made by Joseph Siecko to approve that a Right To Know request be sent to the Borough of Berwick for information Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky has been contacting the Borough of Berwick Manager about the Abbonizio project on Front/Second Streets. This way, BAJSA will receive a response within 5 days. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Siecko requested that the \$151,810.00 for grouting work repairs to the Salem Township sewer project be paid by BAJSA. Board declined this request.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to move into executive session for personnel issues. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to move back into regular session. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Resolution #1 for signatures at First Keystone Community Bank. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Resolution #2 for First Keystone Community Bank to execute cash management account agreements. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve ODFI Origination Agreements for Consumer Payments for First Keystone Community Bank. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to increase Hauled Waste from .04 cents to .05 cents, effective February 1, 2016. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve CACP from DEP for dry weather overflow violation in the amount of \$2,050.00. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Joe Siecko 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 February 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm.