

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 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, Treasurer George Welliver, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Asst. Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko and Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge. Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris was absent. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Plant Superintendent Allan Fish, Brian Koslansky, and Bill Ferraro from Freas Avenue were present from the public. Press Enterprise Susan Schwartz was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no one from the public with input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2016. 2nd by James Seeley. 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 \$605,389.45. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Was not present and there was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR – ANTHONY McDONALD

Tony McDonald requested a short executive meeting after the regular meeting.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the North of Front Street project being completed by Doli Construction. Doli has installed all of the piping, most of the inverts to the manholes and inlets have been completed and they have started cut backs of the trenches and started putting base in. Doli is requesting for the BAJSA board to hold off on liquidated damages and let the road set for a few weeks before applying top coat, which is considered at this point, substantial completion. Ernie Ashbridge questioned as to why BAJSA is paying for unmarked water lines, which is an issue that arises during every construction. Engineer Dennis Peters stated there is a way to appeal through the PA One Call system, but when they researched the process, it was always a dead end. Manager Gloria Bobersky suggested the fact that we could still send the PAWC a bill for the unmarked water lines and see if they respond with payment.

Motion made by George Welliver to allow Doli Construction to apply the top coat up to 60 days after the end date of the initial contract completion time. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish did not have anything to report. Scott Bower questioned as to why there is not a meter at the plant for hauled waste. BAJSA is currently billing by checking the site glass and billing .5 cents a gallon.

Motion made by Scott Bower to have a meter installed on the hauled waste pit. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge - No

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to rescind his 2nd on the motion to have a meter installed on the hauled waste pit.

Motion made by Scott Bower to have estimates gathered by Superintendent Allan Fish to compile the total costs involved by having a meter installed on the hauled waste pit at the WWTP. 2nd by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Gloria Bobersky introduced Brian Koslansky from Stevens and Lee, whom was present to discuss the new bond issue, Resolution 3 of 2016, and answer any questions the BAJSA board members may have.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to authorize Resolution 3 of 2016 for the new bond issue. 2nd by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

E. Ashbridge - Yes
B. Mike - Yes

S. Bower - Yes
J. Siecko - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes
G. Pinterich - Yes
G. Welliver - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed a current resident, Carol Andrews of 533 North Warren Street, regarding when BAJSA is going to complete her part of the storm water separation project. Ms. Andrews's concern is if BAJSA decides not to continue the next storm water separation project, she feels that would be unfair since she has contributed to all of the rate increases for the other storm water separation projects that have been completed. Chairman James Seeley stated that this should be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #1 for Doli Construction in the amount of \$12,500.00 for water line conflicts. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Change Order #2 for Doli Construction in the amount of \$2,500.00 for sewer line conflicts. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to not pay Doli Construction until all roads are completed with base coat because Doli left all of the roads looking like a war zone in Berwick for almost 3 months. Ernie Ashbridge questions whether the cost of the base is included in the current Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$981,686.65 and Engineer Dennis Peters states that we have not been billed for the base coating yet. No 2nd. No one was in favor and the motion dies.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to piece meal Pay Application #3 as Doli completes the base coating in Berwick. 2nd by Scott Bower.

Scott Bower withdraws his motion to 2nd piece meal Pay Application #3.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #3 to Doli Construction in the amount of \$981,686.65. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor with the exception of Gary Pinterich and the motion passed.

Motion made by George Welliver to move into executive session. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by James Seeley to move back into regular session Solicitor Anthony McDonald stated for the record they were in executive session for approximately 20

minutes regarding litigation involving O'Hara. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to close out the PennVest loan for the East of Market Street project. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Joe Siecko to approve that 3 drywells be installed at 533 North Warren Street, by using a change order with Doli Construction as well as remaining PennVest money, with the cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. 2nd by Benjamin Mike. All in favor with the exception of George Welliver and the motion passes.

ADJOURN

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm. A workshop session is scheduled to be held at the WWTP on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.