

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 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, 2nd Assistant Treasurer James Seeley, Pres. Pro Tem Richard Talanca, Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike, Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge and Treasurer George Welliver. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Erin Threet from HRG, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public was Larry Holloway of 24 Arbor Street, William Shoemaker of 330 N. Vine Street and Plant Superintendent Allan Fish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2017. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Holloway of 24 Arbor Street was present from the public to address the storm water runoff problem since the construction project has been completed since last summer after the road was paved. Engineer Dennis Peters explained that the runoff is not coming from the construction project, the water is going into the inlet from Arbor Street, and the water runoff he is getting is coming from Heights Road. It was proposed to Mr. Holloway that since this isn't necessarily causing a direct problem, BAJSA will monitor the runoff issue for now.

Also present from the public was William Shoemaker of 330 North Vine Street to request a commitment letter from BAJSA to reduction of the outstanding bill due at the property of 326 Rear Vine Street that he is interested in purchasing at the September 11, 2017 tax sale. The decision was made that Mr. Shoemaker should first see if he is the buyer of the property and then come to the board for this request.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$746,121.48. 2nd by Scott Bower. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
J. Morris	-	Yes

R. Talanca - Yes
J. Seeley - Yes
B. Mike - Yes
E. Ashbridge - Yes
G. Welliver - Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Erin Threet discussed monthly engineering report.

MANAGER

Manager discussed crane pricing for C-clarifier repairs at the plant.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed C-clarifier repairs at the plant, and it was determined by the board to have the C-clarifier shipped for outside repairs.

Motion made by Benjamin Mike to approve the hiring of a crane operator to remove the C-clarifier, have it prepared for shipment for out of house repairs. 2nd by Richard Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Allan also discussed that the centrifuge was shut down due to numerous issues. Engineer Erin Threet explained some modifications that could be made to correct the centrifuge's issues, the main thing being to change the polymer being used.

Motion made by James Seeley to approve Engineer Erin Threet to move forward with modifications to the centrifuge if there is an O-ring or seal readily available. 2nd by Benjamin Mike. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor had nothing new to report.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters discussed the status of the Anrich project currently in operation, having 70% of time in and 53 % complete.

Also the MS4 has been advertised jointly with BAJSA and the Borough of Berwick.

OLD BUSINESS

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed a continuing basement water problem for property owner Richard Fuller of Main Street in Salem Township.

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky discussed the pension plan for terminated employees, which means for BAJSA a possible \$3,000.00 annual increase in the MMO.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Pay Application #4 for Anrich in the amount of \$306,082.55. 2nd by George Welliver. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Pay Application #2 for Greenland Construction in the amount of \$304,570.16. 2nd by Richard Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to move into executive session to discuss the union contract. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to move back into regular session. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to adjourn. 2nd by Benjamin Mike. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday September 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.