

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, 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. Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris was absent. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Erin Threet from HRG, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public was Brooke Trapane of 66 Maplewood Road, Megan Kiliti from Berwick Pool Association and Plant Superintendent Allan Fish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2017. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Brooke Trapane of 66 Maplewood Road was here to discuss outstanding sewer balance.

Motion made by Ben Mike to accept the payment amount in full and remove all penalties on Brooke Trapane's account. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Megan Kiliti was present to discuss flow meter at the Berwick Pool is not operating correctly and wants to go back to old billing system until it is fixed.

Motion made by Ben Mike to go back to old billing system by EDU's flow meter must be repaired by May 1, 2018 and come back to the board. 2nd by Jim 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 \$811,457.14. 2nd by Jim Seeley. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

S. Bower	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	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.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to accept quote from Martz Technology in the amount of \$7,142.00 for Polymer controls. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Manager discussed repairing the 1996 Ford truck.

Motion made by George Welliver to repair 1996 Ford truck in the amount of \$1400.00. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve to install carport over Pista Grit in the amount of \$9,362.50. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to purchase snow thrower in the amount \$1,270.62, Ariens state pricing. 2nd by Jim Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George to install extra camera to existing system and add bigger DVR in the amount of \$575.00. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Bower to hire Bankruptcy Attorney to enforce customers that have already filed Bankruptcy and not making current payments. 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Bower to move forward with Sheriff Sale on customers that already have a Writ filed against them and are not paying. 2nd by Ben Mike. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed C-clarifier, the drive is out for inspection with Envirodyne. It will be two weeks until a report will come in.

Allan noted the Salem pump station was hit by lightning and insurance company was contacted.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to approve the quote for Steward Industrial in the amount of \$19,177.00 for Clarifier sand blasting and painting. 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.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor had nothing new to report.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters discussed the status of the Anrich project currently in operation, 73 % work is complete.

Dennis also discussed MS4 application. It is complete and sent in.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick Talanca discussed Salem Township has a meeting with DEP and properties that are not connected.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ben Mike to approve Pay Application #5 for Anrich in the amount of \$503,223.55, payment will be held until an approve schedule of completion is given to RPR or 30 days per contract. 2nd by Scott Bower. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #3 for Greenland Construction in the amount of \$57,375.00. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Pay Application #2 for Arc Electric in the amount of \$73,350.00. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve MMO for pension for 2018 in the amount of \$107,521.00 2nd by Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Seeley to approve PRP for MS4, public comment period has past and we received no comments and Board accepts plans. 2nd by George Welliver. 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 Rick Talanca. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ben Mike to adjourn. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.