

BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 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: 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, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Engineer Threet from HRG. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present. A host of residents from BCT Ext.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of September 10th and 19th, 2014. 2nd by Jim Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Frank Bedosky and Brenda Gensemer of Briar Crest in Briar Creek Township was present from the public to address the high rates being charged in their service area versus other service areas within the authority and what could be done to help Briar Creek Township residents afford this.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$543,613.72. 2nd by Nelson Learn. 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

HRG

Engineer Threet discussed that HRG continues to provide assistance in addressing defective work item for the Grit Project.

Engineer Threet discussed that HRG anticipates that the Authority will have approximately 52,500 TN and 150 TP credits available for trading in water year 2014.

Engineer Threet briefly discussed Sludge Conveyor project. The Contractor has provided a revised schedule which anticipates completion of the work in early November.

MANAGER

Manager discussed Office building security pricing she is still waiting on and the status of union negotiations.

PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

Plant Superintendent Fish discussed that the dumpster bay has been completed, the paperwork has been completed for DMR and the NPDES situation was addressed to Engineer Threet and BAJSA will just let it ride

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald reviewed that there is nothing new on the James O'Hara lawsuit.

The lawsuit for the mismarked utilities Tony is going to begin working on.

Solicitor McDonald reviewed a telephone conversation with Attorney Tim Kelly regarding the dismissal of Engineer Peters from the Abbonizio/Bridal Chateau lawsuit. No known representation for the Borough of Berwick in this case at this time, and they are carrying the defense on this case.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the current ongoing projects on the agenda.

The Ruckle Hill Road sewer extension gave Solicitor McDonald the Wayne George Plan and Authority Manager Bobersky the sewer crossing plans, which are ready to begin.

Digester roof sent a notice to proceed out to two contractors October 1, 2014; deadline is November 29, 2014 and have received paperwork back from both contractors. Shop drawings will be next to be submitted.

Anrich has been addressed with issues reverting back to their two year construction warranty.

Motion made by George Welliver to give Anrich another week to move forward with completing the above referenced issues, or BAJSA will go against Anrich's bond. 2nd by Will Fairchild. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The BASD has finally agreed to put four infiltration areas in place and has received a permit from the Columbia County Conservation District for an NPDES permit for storm water. It falls under a general permit which makes the downstream capacity suitable, yet they still have to meet item #5 of the permit. Engineer Peters recommends that we retrieve the approval documents from the County before moving forward.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to move forward with the approval of the County, without anything further. 2nd by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Salem Township has filed a lawsuit against Engineer Pasonick in not less than \$1,000,000.00 for not completing their job correctly as in specs.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the Substantial Completion for Doli dated June 13, 2014. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Change Order #5 in the amount of \$1,557.80. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$1,267.66. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to move forward with repairs to the Chlorine Building roof at the WWTP, by acquiring quotes. 2nd by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Note for the record that Gary Pinterich does not agree with the process of the employees emptying the hydrasieve.

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, November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm.