

**Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2015**  
**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: Secretary Scott Bower, Treasurer Nelson Learn, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge and Assistant Treasurer George Welliver. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters, Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Engineer Threet from HRG. Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present. Kay Mentrikoski was present from the public.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Kay Mentrikoski was present from the public to address a letter that was sent to her attention by BAJSA Pre Treatment Officer, Janel Yorks, stating the requirement to install a grease trap at her business property, Stuccio's Pizza. There is an issue of large amounts of grease that is present in the sewer main by her property. The BAJSA board has approved that Engineer Dennis Peters go to investigate this issue, have a sample taken and grant Kay a 30-day extension on installing a grease trap.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to authorize a 30-day extension for Kay Mentrikoski on installing a grease trap at her business property, Stuccio's Pizza, until Engineer Dennis Peters gets a sample of her flow. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$134,536.59. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	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 – HRG**

Engineer Erin Threet reviewed the finalization of the aeration blowers replacement evaluation. Based on the evaluation HRG is recommending implementation of Alternative No. 3: Centrifugal Blower Replacement and Control Upgrades with Variable Frequency Drives.

**MANAGER**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky was open for discussion for the 2016 Budget. She got Piggy Back pricing back on a new FWD pickup truck with a utility box and a plow, which was \$38,734.00.

The PennVest loan is officially closed. Manager Gloria Bobersky was made aware by PennVest that they have always required a bank account directly for PennVest lending, and BAJSA has not done so since the beginning of time...1994.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to authorize finance charges to be waived for William Orlando on account number 408830. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn - Yes  
S. Bower - Yes  
J. Siecko - Yes  
J. Seeley - Yes  
J. Morris - Yes  
G. Pinterich - Yes  
E. Ashbridge - No  
G. Welliver - Yes

All in favor, with the exception of Ernie Ashbridge, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to authorize finance charges to be waived for account number 409650. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Allan Fish discussed Blower #2 motor is currently on Blower #4 and needs to be rebuilt. Currently operating on 3 blowers.

Also discussed the letter received from DEP regarding the dry weather overflows.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Anthony McDonald discussed the Bridal Chateau case and upcoming sheriff sales on December 4, 2015.

**ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS**

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed next Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a pre-construction conference at the 1108 Freas Avenue office with Denny himself, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Doli Construction, PennVest, DEP and PennDOT. The shop drawings have already been submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by George Welliver to rescind the motion from April 8, 2015 regarding the Berwick rate increase of \$3.00 effective January 1, 2016 instead of \$3.50 effective October 1, 2015 the board decided on. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Morris. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve Resolution 6 of 2015 to request 50% refund from PennDOT for Orange Street manhole risers. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve 2015 Audit Expense of \$21,950.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move to executive session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to move back into regular session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to bring BAJSA employee Alvin Hill back into the WWTP for 9 months with a start date of when Superintendent Allan Fish talks to him. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	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.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by George Welliver to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday December 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm.