

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Secretary Scott Bower, Treasurer George Welliver, Assistant Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres. Pro Tem Joseph Siecko. Asst. Treasurer Benjamin Mike was absent. Also in attendance were: Engineer Dennis Peters, Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, and Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Erin Threet from HRG. Present from the public were Plant Superintendent Allan Fish, Martin Force from 1103 Eyer Street and Bruce Michael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2016. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Martin Force discussed the sewer back up at 1101 Eyer Street, the blue house on the corner. The sewer line is shared with his neighbors. Mr. Force lives at 1103 Eyer Street.

Motion made by Joseph Siecko to put steel plate over hole and return stone and rocks until we move forward. 2nd by Scott Bower. 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 \$713,822.62. 2nd by Jimmy Morris. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Erin Threet discussed the Aeration Blowers Upgrade Project. The bid will be advertised on January 9, 2017 and opening on February 7, 2017.

Motion made by George Welliver,. 2nd by Ernie Ashbrige. To move forward with advertising and opening of bids for Blower Upgrade Project. Under the question from Jim Seeley, Why is BAJSA not doing procurement for equipment? HRG feels due to how far they are in process of putting out for bid engineer doesn't feel the authority would see any savings due to having to do a second set of specs and timing on equipment.

Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

B. Mike via phone call-Yes

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to go out of order of meeting to allow Ben Mike to vote on roll call via telephone. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER

Motion made by George Welliver to allow Manager Bobersky to go ahead with purchasing new phone system. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed the status of the Plant.

SOLICITOR – ANTHONY MCDONALD

None

ENGINEER – PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed the status of the West Berwick Storm water separation project. Twenty two people picked up plans and there were eleven bidders. Anrich Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$2,551,679.00.

Motion made by George Welliver to award bid to Anrich Inc., contingent upon Pennvest funding and Federal requirements, in the amount of \$2,2551,679.00. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to allow Berwick Area Swimming Pool to have until April 2017 to install flow meter. 2nd by George Welliver. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to allow Steve Douthat to demolish the trailer next door at a cost of \$4,500.00. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve both Treatment Plant Administrative contracts. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve 2017 Budget. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve 2016 Audit in the amount of \$22,600.00. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to change By-laws to state you must be a rate payer in the BAJSA service area to be appointed as a board member, existing board members will be grandfathered in, effective December 14, 2016. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

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