

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 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, Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, Assistant Treasurer George Welliver, 2nd Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko. Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris was absent. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2015 and February 5, 2015. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor, with Joseph Siecko abstaining and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$331,260.14. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – HRG

Engineer Erin Threet reviewed that the Nutrient Trading Credit Certification expires at the completion of the 2015 Water Year, which is September 2015. A request for Re-Certification must be submitted to DEP by March 31, 2015.

MANAGER

Manager discussed the Union Negotiations meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky to submit the Pennvest application by May 13, 2015 for the Mercer Street Phase I, Phase II projects plus what Berwick owes to fund balance for the Storm water Separation project and include the projects that Berwick Borough has not completed, in the amount of \$6,000,000.00. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Gary Pinterich that if the bid is over \$6,000,000.00 in total costs for Mercer Street Phase I and Phase II projects, plus what Berwick owes to fund balance for the Storm water Separation project and include the projects that Berwick Borough has not completed, BAJSA will reject Pennvest loan. 2nd by Scott Bower. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All were not in favor, with a 4:3 vote, and the motion fails.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve payment for any BAJSA board member who would like to attend the 2015 PMAA Board Member Training. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish reported that the DMR is completed, as of today, and is now currently working on Chapter 94 report.

ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS

Engineer Dennis Peters reviewed the deposition for Abbonizio from the Front and Second Streets project.

The Pay Application for Zartman completing the Digester roof project at the WWTP has not been submitted yet due to negligence of supplying Engineer Dennis Peters with a roof warranty.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Anthony McDonald reviewed the three (3) Writ of Scire Facias's that he and Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky are currently working on.

OLD BUSINESS

Salem Township has three (3) change orders completed and accepted currently, as well as two (2) more to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by George Welliver to approve payment to Jerry Conner Construction for the Chlorine Building at the WWTP in the amount of \$13,570.00 . 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve payment to Smith Sewer and Drain in the amount of \$600.00 for the charge to the homeowner at 1337 Front Street for the necessary Mercer Street lateral repair. 2nd by Scott Bower. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to approve researching pricing to repair the Mercer Street laterals. 2nd by Joseph Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Bower to approve Resolution #2 of 2015 for bounced checks/ACH withdrawals and PayPal reversals. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve installation of manholes on Orange and Eaton Streets to avoid PennDOT paving for 2015. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to move into executive session. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

Motion made by Joe Siecko 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, March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.