

# **BERWICK AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 12, 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 Vice Chairman William Fairchild 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Joe Siecko and Pres Pro Tem George Welliver. Chairman Jimmy Morris was absent.

Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Present from the public were Bill Coolbaugh as Fire chief. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bill Coolbaugh discussed Act 46 pertaining to firefighters and the covering of workman's comp insurance.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by George Welliver to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$273,102.97. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis Biacchi. 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**  
**MANAGER**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky stated the 2013 Audit is complete and copies are available.

Manager had discussion about sewer customer Teddy Boone. He has a large balance and he is making a small payment monthly.

Motion made by George Welliver to terminate water and condemn the property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Seeley. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes

Motion made by George Welliver to write off penalties on Robert Laubach's account, from BCT, tappage fees. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis Biacchi. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager discussed the water meter at Deluxe Homes. It is used for their concrete process at the business.

**SOLICITOR-**

Solicitor discussed the O'Hara lawsuit. Denny Peters is reviewing and getting information for Solicitor.

Lawsuits have been filed for BCT Ext and Salem residents. Court dates have been set.

Manager to send letters to Salem residents - a final letter to contact her about paying their bill and connections.

**ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS**

Engineer Dennis Peters stated there is no update on Front and Second Street project.

He stated the Bridal Chateau is suing the Berwick Borough for damages on sewer line.

Weis Markets does not want to comply with what Engineer Peters wants them to do with the water retention.

Motion made by Nelson Learn to have Weis disconnect by June 1, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	No
W. Fairchild	-	Yes
L. Biacchi	-	No
G. Welliver	-	Yes
J. Siecko	-	No
J. Seeley	-	Yes

**HRG**

Erin briefly discussed her monthly report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Substantial completion for Anrich on May 15, 2013. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Resolution #2 of 2014 for Gloria to be Pension Chief administrator. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve Change Orders #33-45 for Anrich totaling \$138,144.61. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to approve pay application #12 for Anrich in the amount of \$181,569.61. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George Welliver to amend previous motion to increase payment to \$75.00 a month for Teddy Boone, if he misses water needs to be shut off. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Seely. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to extend the contracts for the Solicitor, Engineer and the Manager until 2020, after proposal is submitted to personnel committee and brought back to the Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Louis Biacchi to form personnel committee consisting of Fairchild, Welliver, Learn and Morris. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm.