

**Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 8, 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, Assistant Treasurer George Welliver, Vice Chairman Jimmy Morris, Pres Pro Tem Joseph Siecko and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer Gary Pinterich. Asst. Secretary Ernie Ashbridge was absent. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Solicitor Anthony McDonald. Engineer Threet from HRG was absent. Richard Banks and Allan Fish from the BAJSA Treatment Plant were present. Susie Weigand from Realty World and Denise Perry from the property of 326 Rear Vine Street were present from the public.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Denise Perry and Susie Weigand were present from the public to discuss the sewer charges on her property at 326 Rear Vine Street. The property is a small lot behind the Berwick YMCA with water that had been terminated in 2004 and water meter removed in 2007. Billing on this account was terminated as of August 2007, and the balance outstanding on the account remains open. Denise Perry will provide proof that water was terminated in 2004.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to table the consideration of eliminating penalties for the property at 326 Rear Vine Street, owned by Denise Perry, until September 2015 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Siecko. All in favor, with the exception of George Welliver, and the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$203,356.76. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Welliver. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**ENGINEER – HRG**

Will be at the August meeting with proposal for the Blower upgrades.

**MANAGER**

Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky reviewed that the Pennvest meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2015 and that the Dodge Truck was sold for scrap for \$600.00

Motion made by George Welliver to move forward with the advice of the Labor Law Union Attorney, Eric Brown, with regards to the Teamsters. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Siecko. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Allan Fish reported that the DMR is good and that the interceptor at Ida Street is currently closed.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor McDonald discussed the O’Hara lawsuit requesting for production of documents.

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

Moved back into regular session, from a brief 15 minute executive session discussion regarding Abbonizio construction company.

Discussion on who is responsible to pay for drywells and road construction between the Borough of Berwick and the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority was had. It was determined that if the Borough of Berwick does not take responsibility in complying with the grandfathered contract they had with the BAJSA, when the monies in the Borough of

Berwick sewer fund are depleted, the sewer rates for the Borough of Berwick will have to be increased in order to pay for all that BAJSA takes obligation for.

**ENGINEER – PETERS CONSULTANTS**

Engineer Dennis Peters discussed that Weis Markets in Berwick Borough has completed their storm water separation project.

The new CVS building on Front Street in Berwick is now hooked up to the public sewer system.

Nothing new to report regarding the Berwick Area School district's new building.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by Scott Bower to consider a drywell versus gravity for the property at 1017 LaSalle Street owned by Annunziato DeGeorge. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Jimmy Morris to approve 2 year renewal agreements for Solicitor Anthony McDonald and Engineer Dennis Peters, holding the same current rates. Contracts extended until December 31, 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday August 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm.