

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2022
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 Steven Fraind 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 Steven Fraind, Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, Treasurer James Seeley, Vice Chairman Melissa Fisher, Asst. Treasurer Donald Kishbaugh, Assistant Secretary Nelson Learn, Asst 2nd Treasurer Gary Pinterich and Pres. Pro Tem George Welliver. Also in attendance were: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Solicitor Anthony McDonald, Engineer Dennis Peters, and Engineer Erin Threet, HRG. Present from the public was Allan Fish from the WWTP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Nelson Learn to approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2022. 2nd by Melissa Fisher. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$274,610.25. 2nd by Donald Kishbaugh. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

N. Learn	-	Yes
S. Fraind	-	Yes
J. Seeley	-	Yes
D. Kishbaugh	-	Yes
G. Welliver	-	Yes
G. Pinterich	-	Yes
E. Ashbridge	-	Yes
M. Fisher	-	Yes

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER-HRG

Engineer Threet reviewed the ditch blower issue at the WWTP.

MANAGER

Manager Bobersky discussed several residents that have received the LIHWAP grant relief money.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to waive all of the penalties on the Patricia McGraw property located at 168 Main Street in Salem Township. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to waive all of the penalties on the Michael Powell property located at 148 Main Street in Salem Township, upon receipt of making the full principal balance. 2nd by Melissa Fisher. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to waive all of the penalties on the Lori Peters property located at 222 Main Street in Salem Township, upon the receipt of the lump sum payment in the amount of \$3,144.03. 2nd by Melissa Fisher. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher to authorize Manager Gloria Bobersky to present the minimal acceptable amount due as \$14,000.00 for the property located at 145 Foundryville Road in Briar Creek Township. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Donald Kishbaugh to waive all of the penalties for the property located at 110 East 8th Street in Berwick Borough and accept the full payment of \$8,000.00. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to waive all of the penalties for the property located at 224 S. Mercer Street in Berwick Borough and accept the full payment of \$2,592.00. 2nd by Ernie Ashbridge. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to write off the entire balance in the amount of \$29,738.98 for the Teddy Boone property located at 1125 Good Avenue in Berwick Borough. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Allan Fish reviewed that the ditch is back up and in operation. Also Allan will be attending his MS4 class and writing SOP's on how and where to wash vehicles.

ENGINEER – PETERS

Engineer Peters discussed that Don E. Bower, Inc. will begin paving in Briar Creek Borough which is included in the manhole project.

Three of the bonding reports have all been completed and the insurance certificates.

Discussed the Susquehanna Data, LLC project where we now have the HOP permit, the Luzerne County Conservation approval and are waiting on Component III from DEP.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher to put materials out for the manholes and piping materials needed for the Susquehanna Data project. 2nd by George Welliver. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor McDonald discussed a recent meeting with Don E. Bower regarding concrete inspections and also advised Manager Bobersky to follow up with the terroristic threat letter that was received through the mail with a customer's payment.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Nelson Learn to accept the grant money agreement for Martz Technologies to upkeep and increase pump stations functionalities from Columbia County in the amount of \$408,195.00. 2nd by Melissa Fisher. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion made by George Welliver to adjourn. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm.