

Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 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: Treasurer James Seeley, Asst. Treasurer Donald Kishbaugh, Assistant Secretary Nelson Learn, Secretary Ernie Ashbridge, Asst 2nd Treasurer Gary Pinterich, Chairman Steven Fraind and Vice Chairman Melissa Fisher. Pres. Pro Tem George Welliver and Solicitor Anthony McDonald were absent. Also, in attendance where: Authority Manager Gloria Bobersky, Engineer Dennis Peters and Engineer Erin Threet, HRG. Present from the public was Allan Fish from the WWTP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gary Pinterich to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2022. 2nd by Donald Kishbaugh. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Melissa Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$966,305.24. 2nd by Nelson Learn. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

HRG

Reviewed the weld issue with the ditch piping contract.

MANAGER

Manager reviewed the upcoming health insurance rates for 2023, additional rates and information will be gathered.

Discussion regarding current VUB software not being supported after 2023. Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to table the decision for software upgrade needed before the end of 2023. 2nd by Donald Kishbaugh. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT

Allan Fish discussed that the STEM high school students will be touring the plant soon.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher to approve the Esri GIS mapping software in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year with a 3-year commitment. 2nd by James Seeley. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER - PETERS

Dennis Peters reviewed that we now have the permit from DEP for the Susquehanna Data project up Route 11.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to give Notice to Proceed with Don E. Bower for the Susquehanna Data project. 2nd by Nelson Learn. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to give Notice of Award Don E. Bower in the amount of \$48,903.00 to complete the Mercer Street outfall piping project. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Ashbridge to give Notice to Proceed with Don E. Bower for the Mercer Street outfall piping project. 2nd by Gary Pinterich. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Nelson Learn to award Berwick Borough with a rate increase of \$8.00 per month, effective January 1, 2023. 2nd by James Seeley. All in favor with the exception of Gary Pinterich and Ernie Ashbridge as no's, and the motion passed.

Ernie Ashbridge made note that this isn't the right time to raise rates. Melissa Fisher commented that there is never a right time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Nelson Learn to adjourn. 2nd by Melissa Fisher. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled BAJSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.