

**OCTOBER 9, 2008**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2008 at the Authority Office. George E. Burkey called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Members present were George E. Burkey, Robert Templeton, Mary Ann Hicks, Barry Casella and Wendell Gillen.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Joseph Witkor, Bruce Colbert, Ron Grata and Mike Patchan from the Adams Area of Jackson Township stated that they were told when they signed their easement for the grinder pump that the Authority would purchase the grinder pump and the contractor would install the pump. Now they are being told by the Inspectors that the Contractor is not to install the pump. Dan Carbaugh stated that he received letters from the Contractor stating that they can install the grinder pump at no extra charge to the Authority since the Authority went with a less expensive grinder pump.

Tom Flaherty from Brazil Lane stated that he was told when he signed the easement that the Contractor was going to take out all of his trees which they did not. Flaherty had a plate sheet showing that someone wrote on the sheet that all trees would be removed; however, on the original easement that was filed at the courthouse there was nothing written on the easement. Flaherty asked that the three trees be taken down and he will remove the wood and the stumps. Burkey explained that the trees he wants removed are not in the right-of-way and the electrical lines are entangled between the trees. Our contractor stated that he would have to hire a professional to cut the trees down and charge the Authority.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of the end of September 30, 2008)

General Fund Balance:	\$62,387.88
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	296,049.59
Certificates of Deposit:	243,608.74
Tapping Fees:	295,135.20
Pennvest Loan Balance:	10,327,033.05

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Casella, to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. stated that he has completed the Construction Lateral Agreement for installing taps and presented it to the Board for their review. Most of the easements are in hand and a few have promised to sign; however, Svirsko would like to do a final Declaration of

Takings resolution just in case. Svirsko has satisfied a lien and completed the Cooperation Agreement for the City of Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. Svirsko found some mapping in regards to the cemetery at the end of Lyle Street with help from Dick McDowell. The Bridge Financing is closed and Svirsko has been in contact with Carbaugh and Henry regarding Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project issues.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:** Absent

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh gave an update on the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane Project. At the job conference, Guyer Brothers is 25% complete with the pipe installation and D.J. Wisor is 15% complete with the pipe installation. Keller Engineers has taken care of a few minor issues otherwise everything is going very well. The pipe is being tested as they proceed and everything looks good. Guyer Brothers has asked Keller Engineers to do a survey and get the elevations for changing the 6" line to an 8" line on First Avenue before they submit a bid. The Pennvest Loan closing is on October 22, 2008. The closing and the requisitions are all completed on line. Carbaugh submitted and went over Requisition #2 from the Contractors, Engineer and Rhoads & Sinon that will need approval and a signature in the amount of \$294,759.66. The Contractors have been completing the restoration and will be doing some hot patch work on roads and driveways this week. The Conservation District requires temporary mulch put down within twenty days after the contractor digs.

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that the 1993 Ford Truck is going to need a transmission and head gasket replaced. Burkey contacted three Board Members for approval and Mike Smeed from Vinco will install the new transmission and head gasket at a cost of \$2,800.00 giving the new transmission a three year or 100,000 mile warranty. T. Burkey would still like to get bids or advertise for a used backhoe. Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh installed a tap and have two taps to install and are waiting on their contractors. Burkey submitted the Dirt and Gravel Road Grant which hopefully we may have a good chance at getting grant money for the pump station roads. The shroud at Pump Station #11 was installed and a Series 67 was replaced at Station #1 and taken to Camco for repair. Waste Management has delivered the dumpster behind the building. DEP has approved the back of our lot as a dumpsite. The Cherrywood Brazil Lane Project Contractors are progressing well and handling complaints immediately.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Customers are still asking about the status of the Direct Debit. Svirsko stated that he has not heard anything from the bank.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to approve Resolution 2008-13 in regards to the Cooperation Agreement with the City of Johnstown Redevelopment Authority to develop a plan and timetable consistent with the one proposed by DEP to correct, if any, significant

structural problems in the sewer collection system and customers laterals, identify and remove significant sources of inflow and infiltration and clean the entire sewer collection system, prior to monitoring. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to table the contractor's agreement for installing taps until the Board can review the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Casella, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$23,851.52. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 09/19/08 and 10/03/08. Motion carried four to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Casella, to have the contractor install the grinder pumps at his original contract price only for those residents who signed a grinder pump easement. There will be no maintenance on a grinder pump for any resident who did not sign an easement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Burkey, to disregard the request by Mr. Tom Flaherty to remove three trees that are not in the right-of-way and entangled between electrical line. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Hicks, to set a date and time for a budget workshop with our Accountant, Treasurer, and anyone else wishing to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Burkey, to table the First Avenue sewer line improvements from 6" to 8" line until the Engineer can survey and get the elevations for the Contractor so that a bid can be submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Burkey opened the meeting for Public Comment on additional agenda items. None was made.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Hicks, to adopt Resolution 2008-14 a Declaration of Takings for the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane Project for the additional residents that were added to the project and any other resident that was missed on previous resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, per our Engineers approval, to pay the Contractors, Engineer and Rhoads and Sinon on Requisition #2 in the amount of \$294,759.66. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Hicks, to have Templeton, Casella and T. Burkey get together to discuss what kind of a used backhoe the Authority would need. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Grata, of Adams Avenue, stated that the contractor cut the road on Adams Avenue and Lyle Street and it was pretty bad but by the end of the day it was resurfaced again and the road was put back in good shape.

Mike Patchan wanted to know what happens to the grinder pump if he is on vacation. Burkey explained that as long as the pump is not in use and no water is going into the tank, there should be no problem with the pump. Patchan also wanted to make sure that he can get the basement into the grinder pump. The Contractor will ask them where they want the pump located. Patchan also stated that the cut on Lyle Street was resurfaced but the contractor did not pack the cut to the top. The Contractor added dirt instead and now the cut is all mud.

Robin Zahoran from Pudliner Lane wanted to know why the Authority is going up the right side of the road and not into the front yards for the homes along Pudliner Lane especially since Pudliner Lane has just been tarred and chipped. Carbaugh stated that it was a private dirt road at the time the Contractor bid the job and the Authority got the easements so it was not an issue because we were not disturbing anything. Svirsko explained that the Authority has already recorded the easements for the residents on Pudliner Lane and with the Pennvest Closing on October 22, 2008 the easements are to be in place before the closing. Burkey stated that if one resident on Pudliner would object to signing a new easement everything would be back to where it is right now. Burkey asked if there was any Board Member who would like to make a motion to change where the line is running up Pudliner Lane and no motion was made.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. by Burkey. Seconded by Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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