

**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on November 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Authority Office. George E. Burkey opened the meeting with the flag salute. Members present were George E. Burkey, Robert Templeton, Daniel Yahnert, Mary Ann Hicks and Donald Ochenrider Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of October 31, 2011)

General Fund Balance:	\$66,459.88
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	238,168.96
Money Market Account Balance:	180,723.86
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	8,743,520.11
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,407,341.00

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Yahnert, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko stated that he has been working on the Township Resale Pressure Test Ordinance and gave each board member a copy. Svirsko talked with Attorney Barbin and was told to change the ordinance as much as we want; however, Svirsko does not want to change too much. The two main parts that were changed were Section 1 by adding two new definitions and Section 4 by adding in capital letters “Other Testing or Inspection.” In Section 11 a disclaimer was added to the validity of the certificate being good for one year which shall be applicable to only the Sell or Transfer of real estate. Svirsko has not heard anything from East Taylor other than Attorney Heiple was copied on the letter to Svirsko from Barbin. Svirsko has heard that the Johnstown Redevelopment has received and read our letter regarding the surcharge to our customer’s but JETSA still has not heard anything back from the Redevelopment Authority.

**ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:** Dennis Kotzan was absent.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh of Keller Engineers stated that nothing has really changed with Pennvest regarding the funding and it is just unbelievable. Pennvest made the corrections and allocated the funding but Pennvest has to approve the change orders for construction then DEP has to approve the change orders. Once approved everything has to be entered in the computer and approved again. Templeton wanted to know if there is a Representative that can be contacted

about this Pennvest funding problem. Svirsko suggested that the Authority attend the next Pennvest Board meeting in January in Harrisburg. Carbaugh suggested that JETSA send a letter to Bud George, Dan White and Brian Johnson, members of the Pennvest Board and see if there is anything they can do. Carbaugh is to come up with a time line of events on how long this Pennvest funding problem has been going on since the first loan was approved. Carbaugh will then give the time line to Svirsko so that they can come up with a letter to be sent to the Pennvest Board Members. The State bidding law limits were increased from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and from \$10,000.00 to \$18,500.00. Carbaugh has not heard anything more on the Saltlick Project other than T. Burkey met with the contractor. Keller Engineers will provide the inspectors for that job. A locked gate was installed by Northfork Southern along the tracks and our maintenance crew cannot get the flow meter readings. T. Burkey stated that he has talked with a worker along the tracks near the gate and he said that he can configure the chain and lock so that we can get our readings.

#### **INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh along with Jackson Township workers and the Jackson Township Water Authority installed the tap on Brazil Lane. The road crew also blacktopped the cut in the road on Brazil Lane. JETSA has been assisting Jackson Township and Jackson Water with projects and they in turn have helped JETSA. One of our customer's viewport is in his neighbor's driveway and the neighbor will not allow this resident on his property to find the viewport and test his line. The service lateral was put in on the original project but not to the property line and Burkey wanted to know if he needs an easement. Svirsko is to look at the maps. The Board members told Burkey to get the tap to the correct property. Burkey found a local person to complete the work on the oil pan on the dump truck. The viewport was fixed at the Burger King; it looked like someone backed over the viewport and crushed it. Burkey met with the contractor doing the work on the Saltlick Pump Station and manholes but they did not give a start date. The pressure testing of the laterals has slowed down. Five fire extinguishers were purchased for the three trucks and the two buildings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board will review the 2012 Budget for approval at the December meeting.

The Board will also review the changes to the Resale Ordinance for approval next month.

Motion was made by Hicks, to put a time limit of ten years on the pressure test unless there is suspicion of inflow & infiltration or the property is being sold. Motion failed due to a second.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Hicks, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$18,882.69. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 10/14/11 and 10/28/11. Motion carried by four with G. Burkey abstaining.

A discussion was held in regards to a new customer not wanting to pay the Tap Fee due to the fact that he paid \$7,500.00 for the sanitary sewer line extension of the main line. The Board all agreed that this Tap Fee must be paid that he is actually buying into the sanitary sewer system.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeff Baxter wanted to know if he could install a meter on his mothers sewer service lateral to show that no water went thru our lines while she was in the hospital. Baxter does not want to shut the water off due to the heating system. Our Engineer and Attorney stated that you cannot meter a sewer service lateral.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. by Ochenrider. Second by Yahnert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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