

## DECEMBER 9, 2010

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on December 9, 2010 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, Mary Ann Hicks and Wendell Gillen. Barry Casella was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of November 30, 2010)

General Fund Balance:	\$58,404.69
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	248,093.17
Money Market Account Balance:	223,841.52
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	9,219,402.69
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,529,420.28

Motion was made by Gillen, second by Templeton, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko stated that he has talked to Dan Carbaugh about the Pennvest loan and Carbaugh stated that all the necessary paper work is with the Pennvest legal department. Svirsko called Pennvest legal department but has not received a call back. Svirsko sent a letter to the resident with the illegal sump pump giving the resident thirty days to remove the sump pump which is in our Rules and Regulations. Svirsko had to go by the Rules and Regulations of thirty days but the rules can be changed to ten days to disconnect the sump pump. Svirsko asked about the Campbell agreement and was told that he received the agreement but has yet to approach the Authority or sign the agreement. Svirsko is looking at a price for the Golian fence. Golian said that the sewer line has sunk where it was installed and has not been fixed yet, may have to finish this in the Spring. Svirsko has heard that some municipalities are complaining about the \$3.00 increase to the City Sewer treatment bill and wonder if they can legally do that and what gives the city the power. Svirsko feels that with a project this big that JRA would be established correctly. Svirsko feels that the Authority needs to go thru the bid specification for the new pumps at Station #11, due to the fact that this is not an emergency because the pump that is being repaired will be back in a week's time. The solicitor is not an advocate for the authority but tries to keep the Authority on the right path to keep them out of trouble.

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

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Bill Henry stated that Dave Cunningham did submit some change orders on line for the Pennvest

loan and was told that Pennvest legal department has all the paper work. Gasperado said that everything looks good. The CFA did not award any H2O grant money due to the fact that they have less money than they thought. Henry does not know when the committee will meet again regarding the grant money. Henry talked about the meeting with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority regarding the DEP mandate to eliminate inflow and infiltration from the sewer lines. JRA will monitor the flow coming from our system and charge us accordingly. Carbaugh wants JRA to move the meter on our lines due to the fact that Conemaugh is still not fully tapped in and the valve is shut off half way which causes the water to back up our line giving a false meter reading. Henry talked about pump station #11 and whether the new pumps had to be bid out. Henry stated that Carbaugh is going to contact PMAA to see if the two new pumps need to be bid out or does this fall under capital equipment. The pumps at Station #11 are not big enough to handle the flow so we need to purchase bigger pumps. These new pumps can also be used in the two newer stations if we need an alternate. The bid specification will have to specify the Fairbanks Moore pump. Henry is to contact D. J. Wisor about the sunken sewer line at Golians.

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

Tim Burkey stated that he, Brian Daughenbaugh, G. Burkey and Dan Carbaugh visited the Dernar property and it was decided that a ditch be dug to relieve the water from near his house. The water is following our line to the clay dike and backing up toward Dernar's house. Station #11, Pump #1 went into seal fail. The pump was pulled; oil was changed and placed back in the wet well. Within two hours the pump was into seal fail again. The pump was removed from the wet well and Godwin Pumps was called to install a by-pass pump to help maintain Station #11. T. Burkey talked to Carbaugh and Greg Madia from W.C. Weil and received an estimate from Weil for replacement pumps which he presented to the Board. Burkey received the correct electrical schematic for Station #3 from W.C. Weil. The maintenance crew went to a flooded basement with the Jackson Fire Company on November 30<sup>th</sup> and while at this residents home on Brazil Lane found an illegal sump pump tapped into our sanitary sewer system. The homeowner was told that the illegal sump pump must be disconnected immediately. The Chairman was notified immediately and Svirsko sent a letter to this resident giving the resident thirty days to remove the sump pump. Residents who are selling their properties have been getting the pressure test completed and so far every service lateral has failed and had to be redone. A quote was received from W.C. Weil to repair the pump from Station #11 and was told to repair the pump.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to approve the 2011 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Templeton, to authorize Attorney Svirsko to set-up a meeting with the Trailer Park owners regarding the pressure testing of the sewer service laterals. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Templeton, to change the Rules and Regulations to give the owner only ten business days to disconnect an illegal sump pump. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, second by Templeton, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$10,973.06. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 11/12/10 and 11/26/10. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to schedule and advertise the re-organizational meeting for January 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the authority office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Gillen, to send a letter to Jackson Township Supervisors recommending that they appoint Donald Ochenrider to a five-year term on the Sewer Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked Wendell Gillen for his service.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to authorize our Solicitor and Engineer to prepare the bid specifications and advertise for bids for the new pumps. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for public comment. None was made.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to increase the price of a Tap Fee to \$3,000.00 plus actual cost during the months of November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting, and to have our Solicitor do a resolution to this effect. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None was made.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. and came back out at 8:23 P.M.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Hicks, to give the three employees thirty-cents an hour raise starting January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. Oleksa and T. Burkey thanked the Board.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. by Hicks. Second by Gillen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Oleksa  
Administrative Assistant