

**FEBRUARY 10, 2011**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on February 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, Mary Ann Hicks and Donald Ochenrider. Barry Casella was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Ochenrider, to approve the minutes of the January 13, and February 3, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund Balance:	\$53,063.18
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	248,110.33
Money Market Account Balance:	224,155.60
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	9,133,202.60
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,509,158.38

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. looked over the bid document for the new pumps. A bid bond was not required because the Authority is purchasing the pumps; however, there is a one year warranty on the performance of the pumps. Svirsko will contact Keller Engineers regarding the dollar amounts not matching on the legal portion of the Pennvest Documents.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh of Keller Engineers stated the Pennvest loan has not closed yet because the dollar amounts do not match on the legal portion of the Pennvest document. Carbaugh looked over the bid for the new pumps from W.C. Weil in the amount of \$28,638.00 which is what their initial estimate was. Carbaugh stated that it should only take W. C. Weil one day to install the pumps. Carbaugh visited the Mineral Point Pump Station site and whatever Greater Johnstown Water Authority is flushing down their sewer service line, it is now corroding the flow channels in our manholes and the wet well at Station #5. The concrete manholes are eroding to stone which now the stone is getting into the wet well and damaging the pumps. Carbaugh drafted a letter for Svirsko's review to send to GJWA to discuss solutions along with a picture of the damage.

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey and Brian Daughenbaugh video recorded the damage that is being done by whatever

GJWA is flushing from their treatment plant in Mineral Point into Pump Station #5. PRWA is having their conference from March 29<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup> at Penn State. Exeter Supply did a camera demonstration at our office. The Authority may want to look into a grant or a shared service grant to include both townships on the purchase of the camera. PRWA will also be holding a smoke testing training course here at Jackson Township Fire Company on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2011. The representative from PRWA also stated that he can come to the Authority a couple of days and work with the Authority on smoke testing some of our lines. PRWA is also looking into having a confined spaces and grinder pump courses here at our office. Residents are starting to pressure test their service lateral, some are passing some are not.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to award the new pump bid contract to W.C. Weil of Allison Park in the amount of \$28,638.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Templeton, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$12,578.56. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for period ending 01/21/11 and 02/04/11. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to send any employee or board member who wants to attend the PRWA conference at Penn State the end of March at a cost of \$240.00 per person also to include their mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Burkey opened the floor for Public Comment on following item. None was made.

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Burkey, to have our Solicitor contact our Board Member from East Taylor regarding his status on the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Ritchey from East Taylor is an advocate of sewer and water, but had some questions regarding the letter about the pressure test. Ritchey did not like the tone of the letter. Ritchey would like a copy of the DEP Consent Order and a copy of our Rules and Regulations. Ritchey is concerned about sealing the manholes and not allowing the gases to escape. He also feels that any surcharge from Johnstown Sewage should be passed on to every customer.

Mike Kinney from Jackson Township wanted to know how much this pressure test is going to cost and feels that this is a burden on the tax payers. Kinney dug up his entire basement and eliminated the old terra cotta pipe, but what about the residents who cannot afford to pay their sewer bill let alone pay for a pressure test and possible repairs. Kinney does not feel that this will be a successful venture and the Authority will not get 100% compliance.

Adolph Semich from East Taylor stated that Jim Maderia checked his viewport in 2002 after a heavy rain for leaks, and wanted to know why the Authority can't check every viewport after it rains and if a leak is found then have that resident fix the problem. Could the Authority ask for volunteers to go out and check the viewports during heavy rains.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. by Ochenrider. Second by Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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