

**FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2009 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 and Wendell Gillen. Barry Casella was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of the end of January 31, 2009)

General Fund Balance:	\$65,714.79
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	297,887.49
Certificates of Deposit:	245,327.87
Tapping Fees:	309,020.12
Pennvest Loan Balance:	10,158,185.87

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. stated that he received a detailed bill from Attorney Sossong that the Board requested. Svirsko stated that it has been a quiet month. Svirsko has been looking into the legal ramifications of Smoke Testing residents laterals. Even though we are a Municipal Authority and are immune, we could be held liable if our equipment would cause the damage or if the Authority Smoke Tests for profit, which we are not doing. Burkey wanted to know if we could get the resident to sign a smoke test waiver. Svirsko will continue to look into the smoke testing and a possible waiver. Svirsko is reviewing the backhoe lease contract which is very hard to read since it is a copy of a fax and will need a new copy of the contract to review. Svirsko is not sure about the lease/buyout part of the contract. Regarding the open records, Svirsko feels that the Authority is alright but we should contact the State, provide a form for the people to fill out, and appoint an Open Records Officer. G. Burkey asked about the Wilson easement, and Svirsko stated that it is agreed upon but that Wilson's Attorney was out of town. Hicks wanted to know why the Authority is responsible for paying Sossong legal fees. Svirsko explained that any time a resident challenges the taking of their land; the Authority is responsible to pay the legal fees up to \$4,000.00. Svirsko would like an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh of Keller Engineers gave an update on the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project.

Guyer Brothers has been working on the pump stations pouring concrete, installed four grinder pumps and is doing miscellaneous up keep on the roads. Guyer Brothers still has pipe work to complete in the Cherrywood area and on Leidy Lane. D.J. Wisor has one grinder pump to install and has been called in to maintain the roads. Both contractors are waiting for the weather to break so they can complete the restoration. Keller has applied for the H2O PA matching grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the old ten Pump Station Rehab work. Carbaugh is estimating \$60,000.00 per Pump Station which will include the by-pass pumping, new fillets in wet wells, install valves, install a few new manholes, move electrical panels, wires and a few poles, two generators need moved, grading needs down at one station, and some fences and gates also need moved. Carbaugh has the Pump Station Rehab drawings ready to put out for bids and the application was sent for the grant. The \$650 million grant money will be real competitive, but Carbaugh feels that we should have a good change since we already have a matching share in place with Pennvest. The grants are to be awarded on May 14<sup>th</sup>, but it could take longer. The Authority should contact our State Representatives regarding the grant. Also if the Board is interested, Keller can add an addendum to the package for a cellular service satellite controlled system to the Pump Stations that would be tied into our computer. The computer would monitor all the pumps and track all the run times of each pump. The cost would be about \$50,000.00 to install, and a monthly charge of \$250.00 which is less than what the Authority is paying Verizon plus this would eliminate the sensaphone. Carbaugh will need to know if the Authority would want to add this addendum by March meeting. Glen Johnston has finally given Jackson Township Water the copper tubing and submitted the as-built drawings for the Rt. 271 bore repair which Keller will make into a milar. Gillen asked Carbaugh to follow up on the contractors regarding the condition of the cuts in the roads. Carbaugh will contact the Inspector on the job. Keller Engineers Surveying Crew surveyed our office property and found all but two markers.

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

Tim Burkey stated that when he and Brian Daughenbaugh received the new pump from Trombold Equipment, it was the wrong pump which was wired wrong and had to be taken back to Trombold Equipment who is working with Ebara to fix the pump. Gibson Thomas Engineering has questions about tying another building into the lateral at the caretakers below the Saltlick Dam. The maintenance crew has received complaints about the road crossings and the poor condition of Pudliner Lane. The crew has noticed that a lot of garbage was left near Cherrywood Lane. Carbaugh stated that the contractor cleaned up that garbage. T. Burkey stated that the Authority needs the revised letter from Attorney Svirsko to send to DEP. Svirsko stated that he has the letter done and will fax to the Authority. A tap was installed on Chapel Lane this month. Keller Surveyors have been trying to locate our property markers. The maintenance crew met with Roles from Keller regarding the Pump Station Rehab changes. The Authority needs to complete the pad by the man door into the Pole Building to comply with the building permit. Guyer Brothers is working on grinder pump placements. The crew was called out to the pumps stations due to high winds last week and with the bad weather work is being completed inside the pole building. Jackson Township is looking into a matching grant to have

the sewer and water lines installed at Mitchell Field. Burkey asked the Board if they had a problem with JETSA volunteering their help to install the sewer lateral for Jackson Township at Mitchell Field. The Board members present did not have a problem with JETSA helping the Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Templeton, to table the grinder pump Rules and Regulations until Dan Carbaugh can review them. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Templeton, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$14,422.72. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 01/09/09, 01/23/09 and 02/06/09. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Templeton, to table the Judicial Sale on a property in East Taylor until Svirsko can get more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to authorize Keller Engineers to advertise for bids for the Pump Station Rehab work. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Burkey, to adopt Resolution 2009-01 for the H2O PA Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to name the Administrative Assistant as the Open Records (Right-to-Know Law) Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to table the First National Bank Proposal until the Authority receives their proposal in writing. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for Public Comment: None was made.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to send the four certified operators to the PRWA Conference in State College for continuing education credits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. by Hicks. Seconded by Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant