

## MARCH 12, 2015

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on March 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Authority Office. George E. Burkey called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Members present were George E. Burkey, Robert Templeton, Daniel Yahnert, Mike Hudec and Donald Ochenrider.

An Executive Session was held after February's meeting.

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None was made.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from JRA was read by Donald Ochenrider about their training session.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Ochenrider to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of February 28, 2015)

General Fund Balance:	\$ 87,329.80
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	108,395.44
Money Market Account Balance:	427,008.40
Capital Expenditures-Saving Balance:	24,182.43
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	6,975,811.82
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,222,837.62

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

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Alex Svirsko said he spoke with Dennis Kotzan about the bond reversal and he had never heard about it. Kotzan wants to talk to Dan about it and find out more information on how they work. DC said he knows of M & T Bank doing them. Alex said he gave Dennis Dan's number.

Alex said he will send JRA a letter regarding their new billing and form for pressure testing.

AS said he has a letter drafted for Evans and wants to discuss it with the board because he feels the customer will be more demanding this time with the grinder pump issue.

### **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

Dennis Kotzan was absent.

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

Dan Carbaugh from Keller Engineers said the main purpose of the JRA letter is for municipalities doing the pressure testing work now. He said that JETSA can keep doing the test and use the form the way we've been doing it.

Dan said the water flow was definitely up last week during those rainy days. He said we are in an area for the \$17 rate from JRA. Take the number of customers in an area multiply by 625/day which equals flow then divided by 1440 minutes equals a gallon a minute. So if there is ever a high number for the flow and it goes over a gallon a minute for 60 minutes then JRA will put the customers in Tier C. The first time it happens JRA will notify you and you have 60 days to fix it or you will go to Tier C.

DC said significant peak in flows at the basketball courts at Lazo's Grove keeps happening with heavy rains. Tim thinks that the sub pumps people had put into their viewports and also Kamzik and Varner dumping thousands of gallons of water created the high peaks. Dan said to keep records and time of when trucks put water down so if ever need to report this into to JRA.

DC said he has a meeting with Cambria Systems next week, and said he will ask him about a SCATA (communication system) to keep track of flows and peaks.

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

Tim Burkey said the Hach Service Contract is due for the yearly coverage of the flow meter in Conemaugh. He said it is \$688 to calibrate and the insurance and the cost to just calibrate is \$550. GB wonders if we even need the flow meters. This was discussed at length and GB said we can get on the internet to read flows on the JRA website.

TB said they got the backup pump for Station 7 back from RAM. Station 5 and Station 8 were both in high level alarm with the heavy rain and melting snow. We had the vac trucks there and a bypass pump at St. 5. St. 8 also had a clog in both pumps that were removed.

TB said they replaced the alternator and installed a block heater in the Case 580 Super M backhoe.

Tim said the Station 12 Generator housing needs replaced. It was repainted a few years ago and is now beyond repair. TB said he located a used enclosure around \$1,500.00. He said a small building would be best and Jamie has a used one for \$1,200.00, brand new cost about \$5,000.00. This area is pelted with salt from Rt. 22 and will rust out anything metal again. Tim wonders if the board wants him to get quotes on a building for Station 12. GB said have Dan with Keller design a building for Station 12 then see how much that will cost.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Hudec to approve the bills in the amount of \$13,104.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert to approve the time sheets for period ending 02/14/15 and 02/28/15 as presented. Motion carried by 4 with G. Burkey abstaining.

The board wants to send a system wide letter about illegal connections of subpumps into view ports letting customer know if it happens again that they would have to pay for any costs incurred.

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Yahnert for Alex and Tim to get a letter ready to send system wide letter about illegal water into the sewer. Motion carried unanimously.

The insurance company sent a letter stating that if Tim and Brian are plowing the firehall on working hours they are covered by insurance, and that any member that would have to go to any station and help that they are covered.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hudec to stop plowing the Jackson Township Firehall by Tim or Brian during JETSA office hours. Motion defeated by GB, DO, and DY.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Ochenrider to turn off the Hach Flow meter in Conemaugh and disregard the service contract. Motion carried unanimously.

GB thinks JETSA should have flow meters in certain areas of high flows. The meters cost \$6,000.00 each. Dan said he's going to get a map of all houses in township to mark which house were already tested and then try to pinpoint where the high peaks are.

Dan with Keller's said one problem with flow meters is that they need to be cleaned, maintained, etc... and that maintenance guys should be trained on how to use them.

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Yahnert to get quotes on two good flow meters for use in manholes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Yahnert for Dan with Keller Engineers to design a building for the generator at Station 12 and get quotes for it. Motion carried unanimously.

TB said that we need to enforce viewport accessibility. This will be added to the system wide letter about the illegal water infiltration.

Tim and Dan are to look into what stations need the new pumps.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Ochenrider. Second by Hudec. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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