

MARCH 13, 2008

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Authority Office. George Burkey opened the meeting with the flag salute. George Burkey welcomed our new board member Robert Templeton. Members present were George E. Burkey, Mary Ann Hicks, Wendell Gillen, and Robert Templeton. Barry Casella was absent.

An Executive Session was held on February 28, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss acquisition of real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Hicks questioned a statement that was in the Solicitors Report stating that “Hicks felt that we should wait and see what transpired in the past.” Hicks stated that is not what she said or meant and wants that statement removed from the minutes. Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Burkey, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting with the change that since Hicks felt that statement was incorrect and that is not what she meant or said, this statement should be removed from the minutes. Motion carried three to one with Templeton abstaining.

Once the Authority finds out who East Taylor Township sold the property to on Mele Street in Parkhill, the Board would like a letter sent to the new owner giving them thirty (30) days to pay the \$2,500.00 Capital Recovery Fee (Tap) for that property. If the new owner does not want to purchase the tap, then our maintenance personnel will cement the tap shut. If in the future, the owner wants a tap for that property they will have to pay whatever the Tap Fee is at that time.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of February 29, 2008)

General Fund Balance:	\$54,695.58
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	83,870.38
Certificates of Deposit:	238,106.07
Pennvest Loan Balance:	10,621,165.28

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Burkey, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Attorney Alex Svirsko gave T. Burkey an addition to the Rules and Regulations regarding the applicant’s responsibility and the time table to schedule the dye test. Svirsko has been cleaning up on the Easements for Cherrywood Brazil Lane. The Authority held two more meetings for the signing of easements and an additional seven easements were signed. Svirsko has a resolution ready for eminent domain takings for the remaining easements that are not signed. Svirsko would like a brief Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Matt Stoehr of Keller Engineers stated the Chapter 94 Report has been completed and sent to the City of Johnstown. Stoehr will call Glen Johnston who did the Rt. 271 Bore Repair and get a date when they will be returning to complete the restoration. The Authority has three bores under Rt. 271 on Parkhill Drive that belong to the Authority for our use. If a resident wants to tap into the bore it would be considered a long lateral. Larry Gasperado from Pennvest made an on site visit to the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane Extension. Gasperado could not make any promises but the funding is looking favorable. Carbaugh contacted Mike McCaig from PNC Financial regarding the bond issue. It will take McCaig about a week to process the paper work and he is willing to do this free of charge as long as the Authority commits to McCaig if the Pennvest Loan would fall through. Stroehr stated that the Authority does not need to make a motion to move with the bond issue until after the Pennvest Meeting on April 15th. The bond issue would only take about six weeks to complete if the Pennvest Loan falls through.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Burkey and Brian Daughenbaugh received a complaint from a resident regarding their lane sinking where the Authority crossed through ten years ago. Burkey took pictures which shows water running down both sides of the ditch lines. Attorney Svirsko stated that this is not our responsibility. Station #11 pumps are in poor condition and need new impellers and shrouds at a cost of \$2,156.00 per pump. The pumps are operating at peak performance so during a rain event the pumps can not keep up with the infiltration. Bill Brown of Trombold Equipment had a very costly solution to the pump problem. The Board asked T. Burkey to provide Keller Engineers with the information so that they can research this pump problem. A complaint was filed about a resident on Donruth Lane regarding not be properly tapped into the system, but the complaint was unfounded. Burkey will try to catch the owner at home. During the heavy rains, Varner Septic had to be called to pump down Station #11, which due to the conditions of the pumps; they could not keep up with the inflow. The pumps at Station #11 were unclogged on Monday and by Wednesday the pumps were clogged again. The pumps will need to be taken to Ram Industrial to have the impellers installed. The cost to repair the old pump from Station #1 was \$2,900.00 which will now be a backup pump. The pole building is almost ready for a final inspection. A new Honda Diaphragm pump was ordered from Construction Equipment at a cost of \$725.00 which did not include the hoses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Hicks, to survey our customers on their next sewer bill to see how many would be interested in Direct Debit. Then it can be determined whether this would be feasible for the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Templeton, to table making a motion to continue with the Bond Issue at this time until after the Pennvest meeting on April 15th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Hicks, to approve the addition to the Rules and Regulations regarding Excavating for Service Laterals. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Gillen, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$12,161.13. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to approve the time sheets for periods ending February 22, 2008 and March 7, 2008. Motion carried three to one with Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded Burkey, to appoint Barry Casella, who is the Assistant Secretary, as Assistant Treasurer also. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to appoint Robert Templeton as Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Gillen, to have Oleksa, Kotzan and Hicks purchase a six month CD with the best interest. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Gillen, to add our Assistant Treasurer Barry Casella to all Bank Signature Cards so that he can sign checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Gillen, to table the land acquisition takings for the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane Extension at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Hicks, to have the Chairman be the first to sign, then any other available Board Member after that, on all Pennvest Documents or any other document related to the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project so as not to hold up the project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Hicks, to authorize the Solicitor to look into possibly changing the Rules and Regulations regarding eliminating basements drains into the sewer system on future home construction. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Oleksa
Administrative Assistant

