

MARCH 8, 2012

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2012 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, Daniel Yahnert and Donald Ochenrider Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ochenrider read a letter from Cortese Associates dated February 27, 2012 regarding the Butala Sub-division.

Ochenrider read a complaint form dated February 17, 2012 from Daniel Strushensky regarding water following our main sewer line to his property.

Ochenrider read a Petition from the Courts regarding the Winkelman lien.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Ochenrider, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of February 29, 2012)

General Fund Balance:	\$61,821.53
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	238,190.45
Money Market Account Balance:	181,119.77
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	8,569,387.94
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,366,375.97

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Alex Svirsko Jr. stated that he had sent a letter to the Board regarding the status of Second Street in East Taylor Township. Svirsko gave the board a letter regarding his opinion on the lease/purchase of the camera from A & H Equipment. Svirsko also found old grant information but does not know if that is still available to us. Svirsko will discuss more about the purchase of the camera during old business. Svirsko stated that the Authority has until April 23, 2012 to file an objection to the Winkelman Petition, and sometimes money is brought in from other sources and we may be entitled to a percentage of that. Svirsko asked if the Board reviewed the East Taylor Township Resale Ordinance.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT: Dennis Kotzan was absent.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Bill Henry of Keller Engineers stated that Bill Mitchell from DEP was on site March 7, 2012 and did the final inspection on the five Pump Stations affected by the Pump Station Rehabilitation

Work. Mitchell reassured the Authority that he would do the report and close out the project for Pennvest.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh were called out on a high level and seal fail alarm at Pump Station #10. The problem could not be detected so W.C. Weil was called and they could not find the reasons for the alarms either. The crew did get it out of seal fail and the station is back up and running. The pump panel surge protector had one phase out. A new surge protector was order and will be installed. The Gleason tap was installed and a viewport was located for Mr. Davis. Bill Henry and G. Burkey assisted the DEP representative on the Pump Station Inspections to finalize the project. A & H Equipment stated that they would come back and demo the camera for those board members who were not here for the first demo and answer questions. T. Burkey's opinion is that the Authority will need to look for a new truck, a dump bed, remodel the office and build some type of heated work area for the larger equipment. Burkey feels that we should try to get a grant or purchase a cheaper camera. Our Rules and Regulations call for screw top caps which leak; we may want to go back to the push on caps. BCS apparently got the bid for the rehab work at Pump Station #5. G. Burkey stated that we need to get a copy of what all they are going to do at that Station. The flows are down during the wet weather, and residents are still pressure testing their lines which has made a tremendous difference. T. Burkey would like to look into purchasing smoke alarms for the office and the maintenance building which will be able to call 911 directly. The Board told T. Burkey to get some bids, also look at carbon monoxide detectors. The alarm system would also give us a break on insurance.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the Rovver X demo camera that is already bid out on Co Stars at a price of \$58,500.00 plus additional accessories from A & H Equipment. Motion was made by Yahnert to purchase the demo camera. Motion failed due to a second. Motion was made by Yahnert to purchase a new camera. Motion failed due to a second. Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to have our Solicitor look into whether we can legally purchase this demo camera thru Co Stars, or does it have to be a new camera. If we can legally purchase the Rovver X demo camera thru Co Stars, then purchase the camera. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Ochenrider, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$9,666.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to approve the time sheets for period ending 02/17/12 and 03/02/12. Motion carried by four with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to deny Butala the use of the extra tap that was purchased for the double house, and purchase a separate tap for the vacant property which has a different tax map number. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Hicks, to have G. Burkey call Dowey Croyle as to what happened in the past with the Strushensky complaint of water following our sewer line to his property. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to table the Winkelman Court Petition until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to send a letter to the resident who did not pay the Capital Recovery Fee for the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project asking that the tap fee be paid. If no response, a lien is to be filed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Martin of Martin Oil Company, who has purchased the Blue Jay, Ray Messner from Aqua Dry and Attorney Dave Pertilo had questions regarding the pressure testing of the service lateral at the Blue Jay. The building sewer lateral under slab will not hold the air; however, they have proof that there is no infiltration coming from the building and wanted to know how lenient the Authority can be. This repair could be very costly for Martin Oil. G. Burkey stated that the Board cannot set a precedent in this matter and that Martin Oil will have to pay the \$25.00 a month surcharge fee for non-compliance. When our maintenance crew starts to look for infiltration from those customers who did not comply, if infiltration is found coming from the sewer lateral at Martin Oil they will have thirty days to fix the problem.

Motion was made by Ochenrider to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Second by Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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