

**MAY 14, 2009**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2009 at the Authority Office. George E. Burkey opened the meeting with the flag salute. Members present were George E. Burkey, Mary Ann Hicks, Wendell Gillen, and Barry Casella. Robert Templeton was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Hicks, to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of April 30, 2009)

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund Balance:           | \$70,449.08   |
| Revenue Temporary Fund Balance: | 298,522.76    |
| Tap Fee Account Balance:        | 309,679.12    |
| Certificates of Deposit:        | 123,517.89    |
| Money Market Account Balance:   | 123,668.49    |
| Pennvest Loan Balance:          | 10,031,180.76 |

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko stated that he filed some liens and that he attended a seminar on Municipal Law. Svirsko has misplaced the Wilson easement somewhere at his office. Svirsko also talked to Dan Carbaugh about Templeton’s complaint regarding the cuts in the roads. Svirsko and Oleksa went over the changes on the Rules and Regulations for the grinder pump handouts and connection to the system which is now completed.

**ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:**

Dennis Kotzan has completed and delivered the 2008 audit report. There were two issues in the audit report. One was a misstated material item in the construction loan that showed the entire amount received from Pennvest in December recorded as a loan instead of part grant money. The other issue is the management letter stating that the Board Members should take a more active role in the financial oversight of the operations of the Authority. Kotzan and Associates are audited also and have to watch what they do and tell their clients. Burkey mentioned that the employee’s 457 Plan is losing money. Kotzan talked about the Employee 457 Plan and stated that the employees might be able to move their money into a money market account within MetLife.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh stated that the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project is moving right along. Guyer Brothers has completed the sewer line under the gas line on Leidy Lane and is doing paving work. Guyer Brothers will be working with a company on a pipe bursting demo on First Avenue. Bill Henry is trying to find a good way for Guyer Brothers to connect the new line to the old line at the Trailer Park. Wisor should be done by May 30<sup>th</sup> and ask for substantial completion. The Authority will then be able to notify the residents on Contract #2 to tap into the system. However, the Authority may want to have the residents sign a waiver if their grass has not grown yet in these areas on contract #2. There was a complaint on Cherrywood Drive regarding extending the line further so that a resident does not have to cut his driveway which the Board will have to make that decision. There are other residents in the same situation. The Pump Station Bid opening will be on May 19, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the Authority Office. Regarding the H2O grant for the Pump Station Rehab work, there is \$800 million in fund money to be awarded and over \$3 billion requests for funds. The awarding of the funds is now pushed back to the end of July. The Authority can still begin the work and if we get the grant/loan we can reimburse ourselves. Oleksa attended a workshop by Southern Alleghenies regarding the AARA grant/loan which is mostly for equipment. However, Dave Cunningham talked to Gasperado of Pennvest and Gasperado's opinion is that Southern Alleghenies misrepresented the facts. If the Authority still wants to apply for the AARA grant/loan, Carbaugh will submit the paper work for a \$120,000.00 grant/loan which will include a new camera, dialers, new pumps for station #11 and smoke testing equipment. Carbaugh, G. Burkey and Bruce Baker met to discuss the Ford Corner Road Project. Jackson Township received a \$500,000.00 grant to work on the Industrial Park in Jackson Township. Carbaugh has been in contact with Murtha's office for a grant and has also talked to RUS about financing. Carbaugh estimates \$3.2 million for 100 homes and the Industrial Park in Fords Corner. There are mal-functioning septic tanks in that area which is a help to the authority, plus we already have the pipe under Rt.22. Carbaugh sent a letter to Gibson Thomas regarding the plant for the Greater Johnstown Water Authority which will be tying two sinks and two drains into our sewer system. If there would be a spill into the floor drains, it would first go into the holding tank and once a week the holding tank would be pumped into our system. Carbaugh stated that none of the chemicals will harm our system; as a matter of fact, it would help with the odor problem. Carbaugh has no problem with what GJWA is proposing. Carbaugh has Requisition #9 that needs approved in the amount of \$93,738.79. Burkey stated that he received a call regarding Ember Street that had limestone on it and Wisor put down sandstone which is what the contract calls for. Carbaugh will look into that complaint.

## **INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh have had to unclog Pump Station #11 again. Ebara stated that the clearance between the impeller and the shroud needs to be closer, but the clearance is as close as possible and they still clog. It may be time to look into purchasing two new pumps of another brand for that station. Guyer Brothers had to be called regarding pushing the fill over the hill, we were starting to run out of room in the back. The crane truck is fixed

and back in operation. Enchlor has all our ozone machines repaired and returned. The I-Spies have been installed in the manholes on Contract #6. A company was in regarding providing pumps to by-pass a station if a station would ever go down. This company would keep on file each station and what size pump would be needed, and if needed could be here within three hours. An infiltration problem was discovered near Sheets in Mundy Corner. The State had a pipe installed which was too high and the water was going around the pipe and into our manhole. The State allowed the Authority to cut the pipe and dig a ditch to divert the water back into the pipe. This manhole will have to be sealed. The two part carbon sewer line inspection sheet is complete and ready to be used. Guyer Brothers is working on the Pump Stations, all the pipe is in the ground and they are also working on restoration and road cuts. Wisor has the road cuts completed and did a great job. Wisor is working on the restoration and will core the manhole near Mitchell Field. Guyer had the septic tank pumped out for Mrs. Plouse and the tank was fine. Burkey and Daughenbaugh completed numerous dye tests and helped Jackson Township Water Authority install the new water line at Mitchell Field and the Water Authority will in turn help install the sewer line at the field. Casella wanted to know how much more fill will be dumped behind the building and Tim Burkey told him the contractor is almost done so there cannot be too much more dirt. Burkey said that a company is going to give us a backhoe to use and test for ten hours. Burkey is looking into a hand-held camera with an extension that is quicker and easier to use then the big camera which will make it easier to get into viewports and look for infiltration.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Casella, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$21,901.94. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Hicks, to approve the time sheets for the period ending 04/17/09 and 05/01/09. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to approve Requisition #9 in the amount of \$93,738.79. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to submit an application for the AARA grant/loan in the amount of \$120,000.00 for new pumps at Station #11, dialers, camera and smoke testing equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to hire three summer interns to work 40 hours a week at \$8.25 an hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Oleksa wanted the Board Members to know that the Authority is missing mail, that fifteen customer's payments were never received. A complaint has been filed with the Postal Inspectors. The Board said to waive the penalties on these customers only.

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

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Casella, to have our Accountant do some research on the Employee 457 Plan and see what can be done. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Hicks, not to extend the sewer line for Mr. Feist on Cherrywood Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to authorize Carbaugh to do the preliminary work at Station #11 on what size pumps are needed and so forth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Hicks, to send a letter to residents whose viewports cannot be located stating that they will have 30 days to uncover their viewport or their water will be terminated. If the resident wants the Authority to use our camera and locator to locate their viewport, there will be a charge that will be added to their monthly sewer bill. The resident will have to sign a waiver so as not to hold the Authority liable. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Hicks. Seconded by Gillen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant