

## JUNE 12, 2008

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on June 12, 2008 at the Authority Office at 7:00 P.M. George Burkey called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Members present were George Burkey, Robert Templeton, MaryAnn Hicks, Wendell Gillen and Barry Casella.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Edward Smith of Harmony Drive had two issues to discuss with the Board. The first issue was that at some point he would like to see a concrete building surrounding Pump Station #7, but until then, at his expense, Mr. Smith would like to plant arborvitaes at Station #7 to improve the appearance. The second issue was that Mr. Smith commended Mr. George Burkey for all his hard work as a Board Member but felt that due to the fact that his Son is an employee that this was a conflict of interest and not good government and felt that Mr. Burkey could better serve the Board by being an advisor to the Board Members. Mr. Smith asked that the Board along with the Solicitor discuss this issue in an Executive Session.

Mrs. Margaret Rudolph from Lyle Street asked about buying vacant lot taps. Mr. Burkey explained that if they would buy a vacant lot tap now, that there was no guarantee when they would be ready to use that tap the City of Johnstown would have the capacity.

Mr. Joel Gillen stated that the contractor will be digging within 20 feet of his well and crossing his property in two places which ruins the land where someone could build. Mr. Gillin stated that he has over 19 acres of ground and does not want to tap to the system. Dan Carbaugh stated that we are 35 feet from his well and to move the line it would cost an additional \$10,000.00 since it would be so deep. Where the line is now is the most economical. Burkey explained that Jackson Township revised their Act 537 to include Cherrywood/Brazil Lane areas which the Authority is their agent, plus DEP is looking at malfunctioning septic tanks in Cambria County.

Mr. Bill O'Herrcik from Adams Avenue wanted to know if there was any grant money available for the \$1,500.00 tap fee. Burkey explained that the Authority is going to set up a meeting with RUS to explain the qualifications for low income residents.

Mr. Ronald Marhefka from Adams Avenue stated that the Cambria Redevelopment Authority is not offering any grant money and the RUS application is very difficult to fill out.

Mr. Jason Buonomo from Brazil Lane stated that the easement he signed shows the manhole on his neighbors land but the big map shows the manhole on his property and that is not what he signed. Burkey told him we would address that after the meeting. Mr.

Buonomo also wanted to know what the requirement is for the old septic tank. Burkey explained that you only need to cap the end of the septic tank.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Gillen read a letter dated May 21, 2008, from Mr. Larry Custer, Executive Director of the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority stating that Tapping Fee assistance will now only be provided on those public infrastructure systems wherein the Redevelopment Authority directly financed all or a portion of the costs of the new sanitary sewer line system.

Gillen read a letter dated June 3, 2008 from Bob Ritchey, East Taylor Township Environmental Representative, stating that any negative actions to not extend sewer lines taken by the Township Supervisors or the Joint Sewer Authority will not be taken lightly by DEP.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to approve the minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of May 31, 2008)

General Fund Balance:	\$68,551.29
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	334,711.19
Certificates of Deposit:	239,440.28
Tapping Fees	16,507.57
Pennvest Loan Balance:	10,495,318.59

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko stated that he sent a letter to First National Bank regarding the Direct Debit issues. Svirsko has concerns with the bank resolutions which states that the Board Members could get debit cards and get into the checking account. Svirsko gave

new Rules and Regulations regarding vacant apartments for the Board to review. The new Rules and Regulations define multi-user or single user with one water meter and so forth. Svirsko has two resumes for summer workers for the Boards review. A Tap Fee lien has been placed on a property in Jackson Township. The couple has since divorced and part of the settlement was that the wife got the lots but the lien is placed on the entire property and they would like the lien removed. Svirsko would like to remove the lien on the lots but have the lien remain on the lot with the trailer. Svirsko is getting things ready for the project and would like an Executive Session after the meeting.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh stated that the contract bids came in good and nothing has changed with both the low bidders. There was one \$100,000.00 error on one of the contracts but it did not affect the low bidders. Guyer Brothers was at \$1,770,235.00 for Contract #1 and D.J. Wisor at \$836,685.00 for Contract #2. Both contractors do very good work. Carbaugh recommended that the bids be awarded tonight for the two contracts to the two low bidders. The additional addendum to the bid specifications included the cold patch for the road cuts with Guyer Brothers at \$9,750.00 and D.J. Wisor at \$7,250.00 if the Board would want to add that to the contract bids. A lot of the Pennvest paper work will need to be completed on line and we are hoping to close the loan the third or fourth week of July. Carbaugh will set up a meeting with Larry Gasperado from Pennvest to discuss what they will allow the Authority to do with the extra money since the contract amounts came in lower than what was borrowed. Carbaugh would like for the Board to make a motion to have the Pennvest Documents executed. Carbaugh will hold a pre-construction meeting with the contractors, utility companies, Pennvest and the Conservation group. Keller Engineers will be staking out the line, and the contractor will do preconstruction videos of the area. The Authority will have complaint forms at the office for anyone who has a complaint during construction. The contractor, engineer, resident, and authority will each get a copy of the complaint. If any resident knows where their property corners are located they should flag their property stakes so that the contractor can see them. If a resident wants fill, they must have the site approved before the contractor will dump any fill. The gas lines on Leidy Lane were exposed and were a foot lower than what the gas company stated. Glen Johnston is to restore the properties near St. John Vianney on June 13, 2008. Carbaugh told Johnston that if they are not there to do the restoration on June 13<sup>th</sup> that the Board would hire someone to do the restoration with their remaining money that was held back. Rick Wray is doing a sewage study for Jackson Township for Fords Corner Road which then is to be turned over to JETSA. Carbaugh stated that previous studies that were done show that it would be cheaper to go to the Nanty Glo Sewer Authority. As far as vacant lots, the City of Johnstown could say at any time that there is no more capacity. Carbaugh stated one option would be that if a resident wanted

a vacant lot tap that they could pay the contractor to install the tap while the contractor is going thru and then pay the tap fee once they get a letter of capacity from the City.

### **INSPECTORS' REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh received a complaint from Mrs. Brown about the restoration work not completed by Glen Johnston. Johnston is to be here on June 13<sup>th</sup> to finish the restoration work and the mandrel test. Johnston also owes the water authority a roll of cooper tubing. The new impeller has been installed at Station #11 and is working very well. Three new taps were installed in the last month. A call was received from Mr. Urban a resident that lives on Hildebrand Street concerning the ditch line that was missing since the tap was installed. Urban was concern that without the ditch line he would get flooded. Burkey and Casella went to Hildebrand Street and removed extra material to lower the ditch line. The viewports at the Senior Center and Jackson Fire Company were located, metal lids were purchased by the Township and installed. The new computers and Atlantic Board Band installed the new phone lines and internet and all is working well. The maintenance crew was called out to Station #7 only to find that the starter went bad. Ram Industrial was called to help find the problem. Ron and George Burkey also helped that evening. A new starter has been ordered and will be installed on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Breakers should be installed at all the stations instead of fuses. Another grinder pump core had to be replaced which was the last good core left. The two cores that were taken to Trombold Equipment to be checked both have bad motors. It will cost approximately \$1,000.00 each to repair these cores and a new core is \$1,900.00. A complaint was received again about raw sewage along Echo Road which is not the Authority's problem. Burkey filed a complaint with the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency about the Echo Road area. Deb Sedlemeyer tested the area with dye but nothing was found. A complaint was also received about odor coming from under a trailer on Pasture Lane that was also filed with the SEO. Sedlemeyer talked with the resident of the trailer and explained that they needed to get the mess cleaned up. All three trucks have had some work done to them in the past month. A bad float at Station #6 was causing the fuses to blow which has since been repaired. Snyder Excavating located the gas line on Leidy Lane for Keller Engineers. Varner and Kamzik Septic Cleaning are both being used to flush the main sewer lines. The gas meter that fell into the wet well would cost \$1,600.00 to repair and a new meter is around \$1,800.00.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to establish the Direct Debit for our customers once Attorney Svirsko is satisfied with all his concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to table the Rules and Regulations for vacant apartments until the Board can review them. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to have our Treasurer, Accountant, and Administrative Assistant find the best interest rate for the CD that expires on June 25, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Casella, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$30,232.70. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Gillen, to approve the time sheets for the period 5/16/08 and 5/30/08 as presented. Motion carried four to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Burkey, to award Contract #1 to Guyer Brothers to include the road crossings in the amount of \$1,780,010.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Templeton, to award Contract #2 to D.J. Wisor & Sons to include the road crossings in the amount of \$843,935.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Casella, to table the purchase of vacant lot taps for the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane until Carbaugh and Svirsko can meet with the City of Johnstown regarding capacity. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Gillen, to purchase two new grinder pump cores. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Gillen, to set up a meeting with RUS from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at their convenience to discuss the requirements for loans or

grants for low income residents of the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane project, and to send letters to all residents affected. Also to contact the two local banks and see if there is anything the banks can offer at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Casella, not to accept any payment plan for the Cherrywood/Brazil Lane residents to pay their tap fee. The Authority is not a lending institution and does not have the means. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Gillen, that if Glen Johnston does not show up on June 13, 2008 to complete the restoration along Rt. 271 that the Authority will use the money that was held back and finish the restoration and buy the cooper tubing for the Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Templeton, to have our Solicitor remove the lien on the Mardis/Mackoff lots as long as the lien remains with the property that has the trailer on it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Templeton, to table the use of Surplus Funds from the project until we get further information on how this money can be used. Motion carried unanimously.