

## **AUGUST 11, 2011**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on August 11, 2011 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, Daniel Yahnert and Mary Ann Hicks. Donald Ochenrider was absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Edward Smith of Jackson Township had some concerns regarding the Dornick Point Treatment Plant at one time accepting fracking water which overloaded the plant. In April 2011, DEP asked the Oil Companies not to take the fracking water to the plant. Since Dornick Point is not taking that fracking water, Mr. Smith feels that Johnstown Regional Sewage has put an unnecessary burden on the residents of these townships to eliminate infiltration from their sewer service lateral and feels also that infiltration coming from terra cotta pipe is inconsequential.

Mr. Ron Teeter of Jackson Township had his sewer lateral redone after a leak was detected in 2004 and wanted to know if he has to retest his line. The Board told him it needs retest.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2011 meeting with two changes in New Business. Change from motion carried by three to one with G. Burkey abstaining to motion carried by three with G. Burkey abstaining, and change from the resident could not use the equipment, to did not use. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of July 31, 2011)

General Fund Balance:	\$51,473.31
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	238,152.54
Money Market Account Balance:	186,377.61
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	8,873,739.01
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,437,975.32

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko stated that he sent Mr. Campbell a letter regarding his refusal to have the backflow valve installed on his property and the Authority's position on this issue. Svirsko reviewed the changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding hydrostatically or pneumatically testing of private lines which were discussed in detail. Svirsko filed more liens on delinquent accounts. Svirsko is still working on the procedures for landlord/tenants on delinquent accounts.

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

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

Dan Carbaugh of Keller Engineers was absent but called in his report that there was not much

new this month. Regarding the Pennvest Loan, apparently Bev Reinhold sent an e-mail stating that there is a glitch with the fund disbursement and Pennvest is trying to get it fixed. There is nothing new with the Saltlick manhole restoration. The Engineer from Gibson Thomas is to call Keller Engineers when they are ready to start. Carbaugh gave the printout to T. Burkey on the flows at the stations to give to the chemical sales person.

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh have been doing pressure test inspections and a lot are getting done. The summer intern has returned to school. Does the Board want to hire someone else to help finish in the fall? The truck is back from Tri-Star and seems to be working well. New truck estimates have come in, but will need to get estimated from other dealers. Templeton told Burkey to draw up a set of specs and give to each dealer so that we are comparing the same truck. Pump #2 at Station #12 went into seal fail. That pump was replaced with the old pump that was taken out of Station #11. The pump from Station #12 will be taken to Ram Industrial for repairs. The grinder pump parts arrived and Trombold also picked up the E-One Extreme grinder pump which was still under warranty. Carbaugh sanded and painted the Crane Truck which looks good. Burkey would like to get an estimate on cementing half of the pole building floor. The chemical is pumping 100% 24/7 at Station #6 which has helped. An odor pump went down and had to be repaired.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to approve the Annual Generator Maintenance Agreement for 12 stations at a cost of \$4,999.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$18,776.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for period ending 07/22/11 and 08/05/11. Motion carried by three with G. Burkey abstaining.

Burkey opened the floor for Public Comment on following items. None was made.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Yahnert, to change the Rules and Regulations to read that the only acceptable method of testing the sewer service lateral is hydrostatically (water) or pneumatically (air). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to have our solicitor ask the Townships to redo the Resale Ordinance to read the only acceptable method of testing the sewer service lateral is hydrostatically or pneumatically, or have JETSA make the changes and pay for the new Resale Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to hire a part-time worker at \$8.50 an hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to accept the changes to the Rules and Regulations for private sewer systems with the change of the only acceptable method of testing is hydrostatically or pneumatically. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to have our Solicitor compose a letter to the Johnstown Regional Sewage opposing any distribution of a surcharge be put on our customers. JETSA is willing to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Johnstown Regional Sewage as not to surcharge our customers who have complied with the pressure testing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, that any homeowner/business owner who has not had their sewer service lateral tested and repaired by June 30, 2012 will be surcharged an additional \$25.00 each month starting with the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 billing period, unless the home owner/business owner provides a copy of a signed agreement from their contractor stating their sewer service lateral will be repaired by a certain date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. by Hicks. Second by Yahnert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Oleksa  
Administrative Assistant