

AUGUST 12, 2010

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on August 12, 2010 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, Barry Casella and Wendell Gillen. Mary Ann Hicks was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gillen read a letter from Guyer Brothers dated 07/29/2010 stating that they will return the week of September 7th to finish the punch list items. Templeton asked the Engineer to send Guyer Brothers a letter stating that they have until the end of September 2010 to finish the work.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of July 31, 2010)

General Fund Balance:	\$73,948.72
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	250,063.94
Money Market Account Balance:	215,523.13
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	9,391,372.65
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,569,842.95

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. asked for the Board to sign two engagement letters with him and Rhoads & Sinon regarding the Pennvest supplemental loan needed for the Pump Station Rehab work. Pennvest is calling this a reencumberance which basically means Pennvest made a mistake. Pennvest reduced the original loan to meet the project amounts. The quote from Rhoads and Sinon states that if Pennvest calls this a new loan then we cannot piggy back on the old loan and all the legal paper work is going to have to be completed again. DEP has received all the information from Keller Engineers. Svirsko stated that he will be filing some liens on the delinquent accounts. Svirsko composed two letters for the smoke testing and recommended that the Authority look into liability insurance. Svirsko would like an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT: Dennis Kotzan was absent.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Bill Henry stated that Keller Engineers has sent the application for the H2O Grant in for the Fords Corner Project. Henry presented the Board with the Change Order for the Pump Station

Rehab work along with the additional costs for engineering services in the amount of \$106,748.91. Henry stated that he will send a letter to Guyer Brothers regarding the punch list items giving them until the end of September 2010 to complete the work.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Burkey and Brian Daughenbaugh will be installing a tap on Rt. 271 and will need to hire two flaggers. BCS Construction will do the flagging for \$50.00 an hour which includes two flaggers and radios. New updated road signs will need to be ordered. The Hill's stated that the extra dirt can be dumped on their property. Burkey will have to call the Conservation District regarding a dumping permit. Burkey will also need a "Right to Enter" onto the Hills' property to install the tap. A complaint was received again from a resident on Ranch Road who stated that our contractor took out the trees and now there is nothing to stop them from going down over the bank when the road is icy. The resident would like some type of barrier installed. George Burkey stated that this is not a township road; it is private property and would make the Authority liable if the barriers were installed and someone got hurt. Our Solicitor stated that the Authority does not have to do anything. The backhoe was used to find a viewport and Burkey would like to know if we can charge the residents \$50.00 to find the viewport when using the backhoe. Dodson Electric will complete the electrical work for the Vinco Pharmacy and Blough grinder pumps and Snyder Excavating will install the two pumps. Mr. McKool was contacted about the trees at Leisure Village and said that Arborvitaes would be acceptable and to plant them in the same area where the trees were. McKool was very cooperative. A representative from Siemens chemical installed meters at Station #6 and #7 to test the levels of hydrogen sulfide. The meters were picked up, will be analyzed and the Authority will receive the results. The representative feels that with the o-zone machines, a carbon filter, and some bioxide chemical, this should help with the odor. G. Burkey stated that bioxide will be ordered. The lights at Station #6 go off when the pumps kick on leaving the guys in the dark until the lights relight. BCS needs to come back and fix this problem. D.J. Wisor returned to complete their punch list items; however, Mr. Markovich was not satisfied. Wisor left some limestone here on our lot so Burkey hauled the stone to Markovich's and filled in the areas and Markovich was satisfied. The Markovich property still has a water issue which has been discussed with Carbaugh. The control panel at Station #3 still needs the pump sensors wired correctly. W.C. Weil is waiting on the control panel designer to figure out a solution; however, the Authority needs to give them a definite deadline since we have been waiting since January 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

G. Burkey opened the floor for Public Comment on new agenda item. None was made.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Templeton, to sign the engagement letter with Rhoads & Sinon as the bond counsel for the Pennvest supplement loan not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to sign the engagement letter with Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. for legal services for the Pennvest supplement loan not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$7,518.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for period ending 07/09/10, 07/23/10 and 08/06/10. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

G. Burkey opened the floor for comments on the new agenda items. None was made.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Casella, to hire two flaggers at a cost of \$25.00 an hour each from BCS Construction for the installation of the sewer tap along Rt. 271. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Gillen, to charge \$50.00 when using the backhoe to find a viewport for residents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Gillen, seconded by Templeton, to purchase one tank of Bioxide chemical to help with the odor problem. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Gillen, to authorize the chairman to sign the Engineering Change Order #1 for the additional costs for engineering services for the Pump Station Rehabilitation project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, seconded by Casella, to authorize Keller Engineers to send BCS Construction a letter asking them to contact W.C.Weil regarding the control panel problems at Station #3 giving BCS Construction thirty (30) days from the date of the letter to rectify the problem. Also, to send another letter to BCS regarding the lights going out at Station #6 when the pumps kick on, giving them thirty (30) days to rectify that problem. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Svirsko is to look into the Resolutions regarding what fee to charge residents for a new tap when it is on the same side of the road and when a road has to be cut.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ed Westrick, who lives near Pump Station #6, stated again that the odor coming from the pump station is unbearable and wants to know when the Authority is going to get the chemical into the system. Mr. Westrick stated that if the problem is not rectified by the end of September that he was going to contact a local state representative or the media. G. Burkey told Mr. Westrick that the Authority is trying different things and that we will be ordering the bioxide chemical to pump thru the stations for the odor problem.

Jeff Baxter, of Jackson Township, wanted to know why the City of Johnstown's sewer bill keeps going up. Mr. Baxter said that he does not use anymore water a month, but the city sewer bill keeps going up. G. Burkey told Mr. Baxter that the Authority has no control over the City Sewer Bills.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. by Burkey. Seconded by Casella. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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