

AUGUST 9, 2012

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on August 9, 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, and Daniel Yahnert. Donald Ochenrider Jr. was absent.

An Executive Session was held after last month meeting to discuss possible litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of July 31, 2012)

General Fund Balance:	\$69,806.16
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	186,207.59
Money Market Account Balance:	421,926.82
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	8,350,905.24
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,583,912.85

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Alex Svirsko thanked the Board and the employees for the bouquet of flowers and meat and cheese tray during the passing of his mother. Svirsko stated that he had nothing to report but would like an executive session after the meeting to discuss real estate acquisition.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT: Dennis Kotzan was absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Dan Carbaugh stated that the Ford's Corner Road project cost estimates are sitting on his desk back at his office. Carbaugh worked into the numbers the cost of maintaining the grinder pumps which is costly. The Authority would need about a one million dollar grant to make the Ford's Corner Road project affordable at the current rate. Carbaugh looked at the kinked force main that is leaking near the Jackson Elementary that will need to be repaired. Carbaugh gave the Board a copy of the letter that was sent to DEP regarding the Consent Order update for the first six months of 2012.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Burkey, Brian Daughenbaugh, and Bob Carbaugh installed the tap on Rosenbaum Street. East Taylor Township was gracious enough to help by using their dump truck since our dump

truck needs a new brake line. Station #7 had a problem with the control panel which caused the wet well to overflow. Everything was cleaned up and the area limed. Bob Carbaugh sandblasted and painted the trailer which looks great. Bob Carbaugh is done for the summer. One pump at Station #6 and one at Station #8 are down for repair due to seal fails. A new pump should be purchased for Station #6; we do have a backup pump for Station #8. T. Burkey would like to purchase a tamper instead of always having to borrow one and also a gas saw for cutting the roads. Templeton stated that for as much as we need one, we should just rent a tamper and or a saw for the day. Burkey purchased a large grinder pump parts order from Trombold Equipment. Snyder Excavating is completing the work at Jackson Elementary and gave the Authority a price on repairing the force main line while they are on site for \$3,200.00. G. Burkey approved the estimate and Snyder should be doing the work next week. A worker from Norfolk Southern informed us that a manhole lid was missing along the track in East Conemaugh. T. Burkey found the lid and a huge rock was placed over top our manhole. The rock had to be lifted off with the backhoe and the riser and lid placed back on the manhole. Burkey repaired the problem and feels that Norfolk Southern should be notified. Yahnert suggested that these manholes have line markers. G. Burkey had discussed this situation with Svirsko who stated a letter should be sent to Norfolk Southern who we do have an agreement with.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the revised Rules and Regulations to include the changes discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$12,671.12. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Yahnert, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 07/21/12 & 08/04/12. Motion carried by three with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to approve the annual Generator Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$5,249.96. Motion carried unanimously.

A Board discussion ensued on whether to exempt non-profit organizations from the \$25.00 a month non-compliance surcharge fee on the pressuring testing of their sewer service lateral. The Chairman called for a motion. No motion was made; failed due to lack of a motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Smith of Harmony Drive had the pressure test completed on his real estate on the outside of the house only and was told that because he did not test the inside of the house he does not meet our requirements. Smith feels that it is unconstitutional for the Authority to force him to have someone enter his house to test the sewer service lateral inside. Svirsko stated that this request is not an unreasonable search and seizure.

Ed Westrick of Jackson Township complained about the odor coming from Station #6.
G. Burkey stated that the chemical is running 24/7 but will look to see what else can be done.

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

Motion was made Burkey, second by Templeton, to have our Engineer look into a method of controlling the odor problem at Station #6. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gresh from East Taylor Township inquired about the Johnstown Regional Sewer Bill charge of \$9.00 for transmission and monitoring fees and wondered why the residents are being charged this fee. G. Burkey explained that the charge is for the flow meters installed on our lines to monitor the inflow and the transmission fee is for the maintenance on the interceptor lines.

G. Burkey would like to “thank” the 1,477 residents who pressure tested their sewer service lateral and cooperated with the Authority. Our flows have dropped tremendously.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. by G. Burkey. Second by Yahnert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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