

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on September 10, 2009 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 Barry Casella. Wendell Gillen was absent.

An Executive Session was held after the last meeting on August 13, 2009 to discuss possible litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Casella read a complaint dated September 8, 2009 from Jackson Township regarding the odor problem at Pump Station #6 filed by Ed Westrick.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of August 31, 2009)

General Fund Balance:	\$53,954.72
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	273,940.09
Tap Fee Account Balance:	314,117.21
Certificates of Deposit:	125,755.58
Money Market Account Balance:	124,671.03
Pennvest Loan Balance:	9,861,346.16

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Alex Svirsko stated that he has not yet met with Golian regarding their concerns. Svirsko is waiting for the Onderjack survey to come back and his Attorney from Washington wants to be kept informed. Svirsko sent the revised Guyer Brothers letter to Keller Engineers. Svirsko also talked with Templeton about the Rules and Regulations concerning testing the service laterals under slab.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh stated that the regional manager from Kohler said that the generator motors are not big enough to run the pumps at the two new pump stations. Kohler will be replacing the two new generators with 100 KW units. If they can find two 100 KW generators already made they will be able to install them in two weeks, if not they will have to build two new generators which will take about eight weeks. The two new bigger generators will definitely handle the pumps.

Palco and Kohler are the contractors that drug their feet on the generator issues not Guyer, but we are contracted through Guyer and must go after them. The Authority can put Guyer Brothers on notice about the sixty day time limit which expires around October 13, 2009. Regarding the dialers, Greg Madia stated that we are getting a weak signal and would like to set up an antenna outside the Pump Stations on Lyle and Adams. Tim Burkey stated that the dialers do not reset themselves. G. Burkey does not want to purchase ten more of these dialers for the other stations if W.C Weil cannot get these two dialers working properly. Madia will get the dialers to do whatever the Authority wants them to do, but does not feel that the Authority is giving them a chance. Madia is willing to trade the dialers back or do whatever we want. Carbaugh explained to the Board the change order regarding the manhole in the ditch line on Cherrywood and stated that the plans never changed and that is what the contractor bid on. It was too costly to put the manhole in the roadway so the manhole was put in the ditch line. During construction of this manhole, Guyer had to replace the inlet box, 60 feet of pipe and the French drain that the Township put in which is the cost of the change order. Templeton still feels that the manhole should have been installed in the roadway because as the water goes around that manhole it is going to start to erode either the shoulder of the road or private property. BCS is continuing to work on the Pump Station rehab. BCS found a lot of problems with concrete around the reducers, and two lines running into a six inch force main which then goes into an eight inch force main which is a very bad layout. Two pumps can run into one six inch force main line; however, three pumps cannot run and pump into a six inch force main, it cannot handle it. The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority wanted to know where our Corrective Action Plan was that it is due every six months. Oleksa thought it was only due once a year and will get it sent to DEP. Keller submitted Requisition #13 in the amount of \$15,993.04.

#### **INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey stated that he and Brian Daughenbaugh are still having problems with the new dialers. The Adams Station dialer was replaced and it still will not operate properly. Burkey has called the company numerous times but nobody will return his call. Guyer Brothers is still working with Palco on the generators. The broken lateral on First Avenue was repaired which the "T" was cracked on our side of the line. There was a new grinder pump housing cracked which had to be changed out. The tar patch on Parkhill Drive was finished. Many of the new residents are now tapped into the system. Burkey and Daughenbaugh have been verifying lateral pressure tests in the evening and would like to use that time as compensation time. The Board did not have a problem with the comp time. A resident would like to use his septic tank to continue to drain his rainspouts into; however, our Rules and Regulations state that the septic line should be capped. Svirsko stated that it was in the Mandatory Tap-In ordinance passed by the Townships to block both ends.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

G. Burkey stated that he has talked with Jackson Township Supervisors regarding the odor

coming from Station #6 and explained that the Authority is spending \$250,000.00 to rehab the ten initial Pump Stations. The new volutes will help with the odor problem.

Motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Templeton, to hold off buying any more dialers for the ten initial pumps stations until W.C. Weil can get the two new dialers working properly. Carbaugh is to explain our position in a letter to W.C. Weil. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Casella, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$37,214.36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Hicks, to approve the time sheets for period ending 08/21/09 and 09/04/09. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

The Board does not have a problem with the one summer intern working approximately ten hours a week to finish the GPS mapping for contract #1 and #2.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Burkey, to approve change order #5 for Guyer Brothers in the amount of \$8,549.41. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Casella, seconded by Hicks, to approve Requisition #13 in the amount of \$15,993.04. Motion carried unanimously.

Svirsko stated that Carbaugh never received his e-mail regarding the changes that Guyer was supposed to make to the notarized letter. Motion was made by Burkey, seconded by Templeton, to authorize our Solicitor to send Guyer Brothers a letter stating that the Authority is going to ask for liquidation damages. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Matt Dickert of Lyle Street stated that his mother is in a nursing home and he is not sure what exactly he is going to do with the house and wanted to know if he has to tap the house in and pay a sewer bill. The Board told him to come to the office and fill out a notarized abatement form pay the \$30.00 stating that he will not be using the house at this time.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. by Hicks. Seconded by Templeton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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