

SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its regular monthly meeting on September 13, 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:

Burkey read a letter from CME Engineering dated August 14, 2012 regarding Amfire pre-mining surveys at Pump Station # 2 & 10.

Burkey read a letter from Mark FioRito dated September 9, 2012 regarding the non-compliance fee and pressure test.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of August 31, 2012)

General Fund Balance:	\$74,827.51
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	191,213.79
Money Market Account Balance:	422,114.15
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	8,307,099.40
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,572,410.21

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 gave the Board a memo regarding our options to tap the Vivis property into the sanitary sewer system on Figg Street which was then discussed. Svirsko visited the Urban/Adams viewport problem on Mackel Street. Mr. Adam’s viewport is on the Urban property and the Urban’s would like it moved. Both Adams and Urban will give the Authority the right to enter to move the viewport, plus we will need to warrant Mr. Adams’s pressure test since the viewport will be moved. Hicks asked Svirsko about the Re-Sale Ordinance in East Taylor because Attorney Heiple stated that it was never specified who the compliance officer would be. Svirsko stated that we decided to put the pressure test on resale into our Rules and Regulations like Highland Sewer and Water did so there was no further need for the ordinance, but if East Taylor needs to appoint an officer for their Rules and Regulations for pressuring testing on resale they can. Svirsko will explain this to Heiple.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT: Dennis Kotzan was absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Dan Carbaugh, of Keller Engineers, presented the Board with a breakdown of the Fords Corner Road sewer project and went over all the estimates. Carbaugh figured that the Authority would need about \$1,483,000.00 to complete the Fords Corner Road Project with the directional boring that would also require about seventy-eight grinder pumps. The cost and maintenance of the grinder pumps had to be figured into the estimates. The down fall is maintaining the pumps and there is no expansion with directional boring force main. Carbaugh has been looking into the odor problem at Station #6. Carbaugh is looking at the pumping system itself; is the sludge sitting in the force main too long, can we change the flow levels and move the sludge faster by speeding up the flows thru the force main. T. Burkey is to give Carbaugh the run hours on the pumps at the station. Carbaugh is also looking into an odor additive called Super Oxygenation System that adds compressed air in to the system to keep it aerated within the force main itself, which is costly. D.J. Wisor was back in the area and completed the Golian property.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Burkey would like to install diverters in front of the building before the Township blacktops the front of the parking lot. Burkey showed the Board a force main marker that needs to be placed on the manholes along the tracks in East Conemaugh. The dump truck is down for major brake line work due to rusted lines. The E-One grinder pumps have been breaking down, which Burkey and Daughenbaugh have repaired quite a few this summer. The pump from Station #6 is being repaired. Once that pump comes back, a pump from Station #8 needs to be repaired. Two new sensaphones were installed at Station #7 & #11. The old sensaphones were taken to Camco to see if they can be repaired as emergency backups. Repairs are costly on the sensaphones so Burkey plans on purchasing a new sensaphone a month. A new series 67 was also purchased. The old series 67 was also taken to Camco to see if it could be repaired. The series 67 is the brains of the control panels and have three backups at all times. Pressure testing of the sewer service lateral is continuing. PA Rural Water dropped off the smoke testing equipment so testing will have to begin real soon. The Vivis and Urban properties will need to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oleksa called Atlantic Broadband in regards to the cost of phone lines at the twelve pump stations. Atlantic Broadband quoted a price of \$35.00 a month per phone line. The average monthly phone bill per station from Verizon is around \$28.50.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Yahnert, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$18,001.73. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the time sheets for periods ending 08/18/12 and 09/01/12. Motion carried by three with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to pay the East Taylor Township Invoice for Legal Fees for Attorney Heiple on the Re-Sale Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Hicks, to eliminate the certificate of mailing on the monthly delinquent bill notices only. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to send Mark FioRito a letter stating that he has to comply with the pressure test and pay the non-compliance fee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Yahnert, to purchase a new pump for Station #6. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board asked Carbaugh to notify W.C. Weil about the new Fairbanks Morris pumps at Station #11 that kept going into seal fail. The pumps are under warranty but W.C. Weil does not seem to want to do anything about the pump when it goes into seal fail.

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

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Templeton, to relocate the viewport on the Urban property to the Adams property once all agreements are signed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Yahnert, to warrant the relocation tap and connection to meet the requirements of rules and regulations related to pneumatic testing on the Adams property. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Yahnert, second by Hicks, to do an extension project on Figg Street. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBIC COMMENT:

Ed Westrick stated that the odor coming from Pump Station #6 has increased since the last meeting. It has been a constant smell 24 hours a day, and now they are getting headaches. Westrick stated that if something is not done soon, he will seek help elsewhere.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. by Templeton. Second by Yahnert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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