**JOHNSONBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Jack Fowler, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL** – Jack Fowler, TJ Weaver, Earl Park, Duane Duffy, Paul Villella, Eric Poague, Tony King

Also present: Brian Buesink, Corey McCabe, Tracey Brown

**VISITORS** – Ryan Thiry, Aljoe Maletto, Linda Vanatta, Mark Young, Jane Ferragine, Dennis Ferragine, Renee Thiry

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to approve the agenda (carried).

**VISITOR COMMENTS (on agenda related items)** – Ryan Thiry spoke on behalf of himself and the other Powers Ave. residents in attendance. Their concern is that JMA is considering giving our Powers Ave. property to the Borough. They wanted it to be known that they are interested in purchasing it. Ryan presented a petition signed by many Powers Ave. residents stating the same.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to enter into executive session at 4:22 (carried). A motion was made by Duane Duffy and seconded by Eric Poague to exit executive session at 5:07 (carried). A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to enter back into regular meeting at 5:08 (carried). Personnel, litigation and property were discussed with no action taken.

A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by TJ Weaver to promote Bryon Gregori to Water Operator in Training at an annual salary of $55,000 and 15 annual vacation days. He will not be in the on-call rotation, but will still do digging and leak/emergency call outs (carried). Later a motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to clarify that this is to be retroactive back to June 20, 2024 (carried).

A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by TJ Weaver to authorize our General Manager to offer a general laborer position to Zachary Florio at a rate of $18/hour with 6 annual vacation days. He will be in the on-call rotation (carried).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** – A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Duane Duffy to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting (carried).

**MANAGER’S REPORT** – Copy attached

**WATER REPORT** – None

**SEWER REPORT** – Copy attached

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Copy attached

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – Solicitor Reith said that the easements for the Route 219 waterline extension project were sent out and are slowly being returned.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

1. Administrative – none
2. Operations - none
3. Finance – none
4. Fire Department - none
5. Hiring - none
6. Johnsonburg Borough - none
7. Grants – none

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to approve the Treasurer’s report (carried).

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT** – A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Duane Duffy to approve the bills for payment in the amount of $ 76,582.88 (carried).

**Bank Balances as of: June 30, 2024**

**Northwest**

Payroll - $ 107,167.44

Water Pennvest - $ 510.67

Sewer Pennvest - $ 17,560.96

Operating Checking - $ 278,121.19

Sewer Savings - $ 52,563.27

Water Savings - $ 45,414.26

**CNB**

Savings Acct. - $ 6,027.88

Water Project Checking (COA) - $ 96,286.63

Sewer Checking - $ 128,792.37

Waterline Extension - $ 14.00

**PLGIT**

General Fund - $ 676,978.11

Sewer General Fund - $ 90,045.23

**Debt Payments**

CNB Mortgage - $ 327.92

CNB Line of Credit Interest Only (Waterline Ext.) - $ 1,627.38

CNB Draw Loan (WWTP Upgrade) - $ 3,459.20

Pennvest - $ 8,580.54

Pennvest - $ 11,718.30

USDA loan - $ 129,287.00

**OLD BUSINESS**

* The Act 57 Rate Study is ongoing
* The transfer of Powers Ave. property and dam to the Borough was discussed. Many Powers Ave. residents were at the meeting to show their interest in purchasing the land.

**NEW BUSINESS** – TJ Weaver asked where we are at with the lead line study project.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS –** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –** A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Eric Poague to enter into executive session at 5:40 (carried). A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Eric Poague to exit executive session at 5:47 (carried). Personnel and litigation were discussed with no action taken.

A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Earl Park to modify the earlier motion regarding Zachary Florio to include a pay increase to $19/hour along with any JMA yearly cost of living increase on January 1, 2025, after successfully completing his probationary period. Roll Call vote: Jack Fowler – yes, TJ Weaver – yes, Earl Park – yes, Duane Duffy – yes, Paul Villella – yes, Eric Poague – yes, Tony King – yes (carried 7-0).

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**- A motion was made by Eric Poague and seconded by Duane Duffy to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. (carried).

Jack Fowler, Chairperson

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