

JOHNSONBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman James Reinsburrow followed by Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

ROLL CALL – In attendance were James Reinsburrow, Charles DeStephano, Dennis Asti, Kenneth Polaski, Earl Park, Dan Newell, Richard Brown, Ken Caldwell, Ken Caldwell, Corey McCabe, Tracey Mehalko (Thomas J. Weaver, Travis Long and Josh Gunnett – participated by via ZOOM). Richard Zeigler - Excused

VISITORS – Al Maletto, Joyce Maletto (Johnsonburg Press Reporter), Brian Stockman (Ridgway Record Reporter), Emil Zaunick, Andy Johnson – GD&F, and Adrian Bevacqua.

VISITOR COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2021, was approved as presented. Motion made by Ken Polaski and seconded by Chuck DeStephano; motion carried unanimously by members present. The minutes of the special meeting on September 15, 2021, was approved as presented. Motion made by Charles DeStephano and seconded by Ken Polaski; motion carried unanimously by members present. The minutes of the special meeting on October 5, 2021, was approved as presented. Motion made by Denny Asti and seconded by Ken Polaski; motion carried unanimously by members present.

MANAGERS REPORT – Sealed bids for chemicals, lab work, restoration and emergency excavation will be going out this month and will be due back by the November 9, 2021. Opening of bids will be at the November 10, 2021, board meeting. JMA received \$4000.00 from the Act 13 Grant to apply to Chlorine equipment at the waste-water plant. Reminder to customers that termination of water service will begin after October 15, 2021; if you did not agree to a payment plan at the JMA office. Bid requests for Chemicals, Lab Work, Emergency Excavation and Restoration have been sent out. The month of October will consist of valve replacements on the East End of town. Customers may experience a loss in water pressure. 2020 Audit will be passed out the board. Discussion on charging by EDU.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Permit Received 8/13/2021, plant online and operational. JHA will continue to provide any assistance in the finalization/closeout process as applicable. JHA continues to review information attained by staff, GDF, etc. relative to distribution system issues and Dill Hill. JHA will also be working with JMA to decommission the existing facilities and ensure compliance attainment with the COA. To date the main items of the decommissioning conditions have been satisfied, therein cutting and capping of lines, deenergizing where required. Further decommissioning will be necessary but shall be done when staffing is available (complete dewatering of tanks, sludge removal, well pump extraction, chemical removal, etc.). Rights-of-Way easements in processing with Solicitor Brown remain ongoing. JHA and Solicitor Brown continue to address easements for the water line extension. Permitting packages awaiting approval from environmental agencies (PNDI).

WATER: JHA continues to correspond closely with JMA, operations staff o JHA continues to work closely with JMA Manager and JMA staff to address various items, provide training and keep facilities in compliance status. Attention to DEP items remain ongoing (i.e. monitoring plans, SOP's for new system need to be developed and will work with Ken on this task). JHA will continue working to transition all reporting over to JMA staff and provide quick QA/QC reviews for compliance. All reports have been submitted in accordance and on time for September 2021. Working with Ken to ensure all PADEP greenport items are addressed, as accessibility to specific programs has been an issue due to DEP short staffing. Should be fully transitioned next month.

General correspondences remain ongoing

WASTEWATER: JHA continues to correspond with operation staff on optimization of facility, questions/comments and any general items of discussion as needed. JHA continues to monitor all grant funding sources and opportunities

and will make available said findings to JMA for review and considerations as applicable. Act 13 Grants Appalachian Regional Commission, Economic Development Grants, etc.

American Rivers (i.e. Powers Run Dam Breach), information was submitted to Lisa Segedy on the dam.

Correspondence remains ongoing. Powers Run Dam Issues – JHA has submitted permits to DEP for Breach Permit and compliance attainment. DEP is reviewing as they had one comment thus far, and that was questioning the stream profile and while there was a sharp drop in the streambed profile. This is likely the result of historical dredging and unauthorized expansion of the impoundment area. Regrading of the streambed can occur to address this issue as part of the breach process. Approval Status Pending

PROJECT ENGINEERS REPORT –

An additional deduct change order to reduce the Materials Testing Allowance and the PennDOT Inspection Allowance will be coming after substantial completion. Current deduct amount is \$56,214.45. Substantial Completion is scheduled to be issued the day that DEP grants the Operational permit for the new plant. Permit received 8/13. Substantially complete per contract with the DEP operating permit. Substantial as of 8/16. Entire town on the new plant 8/31. Work on the rehabilitation on the existing 3rd Ave Tank began the week of 7/30. Began blasting on 8/5. 60% through the blasting. Only found one hole and based on the tank condition believe they may run into additional holes as the blasting continues. Began the repainting of the tank. Exterior painting only the roofing remains. Contractor working to address punch list items. AOP was on site to work on CIP valves and adding sampling taps. Contract No. 2 – Water Treatment Plant, Electrical Construction. Substantially complete per contract with the DEP operating permit. Substantial as of 8/16. Beginning to install electrical door openers and security cameras. Contract No. 3 – Water Storage Tank Work 1. Work is substantially complete per USDA inspection on May 26, 2021. Contract No. 4 – Water Distribution System Improvements. Contractor began installing/replacing valves at locations determined by the Authority. Project Payment Applications and RUS Requisition Approvals a. USDA-RD Requisition #73 documentation compiled for the month. Requisition #73 to USDA i. Contract No. 1 Pay App #24 - \$ 13,500.00. Contract No. 2 Pay App #13 - \$ 17,853.49. GDF Invoice #70 - \$10,209.00

SOLICITORS REPORT- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. Administration – no report
- b. Finance– no report
- c. Fire Department– no report
- d. Hiring – Hiring of Distribution Technician
- e. Johnsonburg Borough– no report
- f. Operations– no report

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT (financial snapshot)

Bank Balances as of: 9-30-21

Northwest

Sewer Money Market - \$64,201.18

Payroll - \$8,289.82

Water Pennvest - \$2,658.94

Sewer Pennvest - \$37,851.56

Operating Checking - \$281,121.19

Sewer Savings - \$76,650.28

Water Savings - \$1,155,835.05

CNB

CD - \$25,902.01

Savings Acct. - \$22,396.83

Water Project Checking (COA) - \$330,503.59

Sewer Checking - \$9,953.84

Waterline Extension - \$12.00

August Debt Payments Due

CNB Mortgage - \$284.84

Pennvest - \$2,148.32

Pennvest - \$15,529.32

Pennvest - \$8,580.54

Pennvest - \$11,718.30

Motion made by Earl Park and seconded by Chuck DeStephano to accept treasurers report for September 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS - A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Chuck DeStephano to approve bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

WATER: \$63,308.95

WASTEWATER: \$51,046.17

JMA Engineer

Sewer \$5,865.27

Water \$7,452.78

WATER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT: \$4,089.40

CONTRACT NO.1 PAY APPLICATION #24: \$13,500.00

CONTRACT NO.2 PAY APPLICATION #13: \$17,853.49

GD&F INVOICE: \$10,209.00

EASEMENT FOR 12 INCH LINE FROM 3RD AVENUE - A motion was made by Chuck DeStephano and seconded by Ken Polaski to approve paying the Park's family \$10,000.00 for an easement through their property. Roll call vote: Rick Zeigler – excused, Thomas Weaver – yes, Jim Reinsburrow – yes, Ken Polaski – yes, Earl Park – abstained, Chuck DeStephano – yes, Denny Asti – no. Yes=4, No=1, Abstained=1. Motion carried by majority vote.

DISTRIBUTION TECHNICIAN - Motion made by Denny Asti and seconded by Chuck DeStephano to hire a Distribution Technician - Adrian Bevacqua; motion carried unanimously by members present.

REVIEW FEE STRUCTURE WITH JONES TOWNSHIP – No motion needed at this time.

RAISES FOR HOURLY LABORERS (FIELD CREW) - A motion was made by Chuck DeStephano and seconded by Earl Park to approve raises in the amount of \$0.30 per hour to hour to field staff at JMA. Chuck DeStephano made a motion to rescind the first motion, and this was seconded by Denny Asti, motion carried unanimously by members present. Denny Asti then made a motion to date raises back to September 1, 2021, and this was seconded by Chuck DeStephano; motion carried unanimously by members present.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION - A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Chuck DeStephano to approve providing employee appreciation lunches at JMA for: JMA Staff, JMA board and The Johnsonburg Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

HEAT TAPE ON SEWER LINE BELOW WILLMANS BRIDGE - A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Ken Polaski to approve ELCO applying heat tape to sewer line under Willman's bridge in the amount of \$18,457.00. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

TRANSFER SWITCHES – This does not need a vote. This was previously decided to go with most cost-effective option. Kronenwetter Electric will perform work to pump stations at a cost of \$9075.00 for the following pump stations: 3rd Ave., Nortum Hill, Upper Terra Cotta, Lower Terra Cotta, and Dill Hill.

DECISION ON GENERATORS FOR PUMP STATIONS – This will be tabled until more research is done by GD&F.

WASTE-WATER PLANT UPGRADE – This will be tabled until 3 bids are received.

APPROVAL TO PAY PA FIDH AND BOAT COMMISSION – A motion was made by Earl Park and seconded by Charles DeStephano to pay the PA Fish and Boat Commission a settlement of \$5000.00 for disturbance of waterways from the degrading incident at Powers Run on 8-31-21. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS – None

BOARD DISCUSSION – Denny Asti commented that he believes the water is fine per DEP specifications, but it does not compare to what he had when he had the water from Silver Creek. He feels the water now is very hard.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS - Emil Zaunick asked if Powers Run could be used a backup water source. Jim Reinsburrow stated that we not per DEP requirement. Several board members commented on water quality.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING- Motion made by Earl Park and seconded by Chuck DeStephano to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 PM. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

Kenneth Polaski,
Secretary
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