

**SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 11, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

<b>Spring</b>	Gregg Heny Ted Onufrak Jason Scott Dondi Smeltzer
<b>Benner</b>	Dan Hoffman William Hughes
<b>Walker</b>	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

**GUESTS:** None Present

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** N. Warren Miller

**CONSULTING SOLICITOR:** Robert Mix, Esq.

**EMPLOYEES:** Kelly Gill

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The August 11, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dennis McDowell, Vice-Chairman. Mr. McDowell thanked everyone for attending and stated that the meeting would be recorded for transcription.

**ROLL CALL:**

William Hughes, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording eight members present. Mr. T. Miller was absent. Mr. McDowell, Vice-Chairman, noted that with a quorum present, the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was permitted to conduct business under the laws of Pennsylvania.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. McDowell, Vice-Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Thank You** – Mr. McDowell read a thank you card forwarded by our employee, Chad Decker, and family for the meat platter given by the Authority for his father-in-law's death.

**Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers (GD&F)** – Mr. McDowell read an invitation to all Board members from GD&F for their annual golf outing on September 12, 2014 at Sinking Valley Country Club. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP by August 29, 2014.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-38** – Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-38.

Mr. Heny referenced the payment to Mammoth, Inc. for the refund of its tapping and inspection fees for Lot #6 of Benner Commerce Park and indicated he believes we should hold approval of that payment until they satisfy our concerns with proper cover over the forcemain serving SCI Rockview/SCI Benner. Mr. Mix does not recommend our Authority withhold this refund as leverage for correcting the issue with proper cover because they are two separate issues. Mr. W. Miller indicated he believes we should refund the tapping/inspection fees and handle the cover issue separately. A lengthy discussion was held with the Board agreeing to send a letter along with the refund providing a deadline for Mammoth to properly cover and seed the Prison's forcemain through their lot or we will complete this work and pursue collection options.

**Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-38 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$39,229.09. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

**GUESTS:** There were no Guests present for the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Sunnyside Pump Station #15** – Mr. W. Miller reported the smart controller that runs pump station #15 was recently struck by lightning and had to be replaced. This is the second lightning strike at this pump station. Mr. W. Miller stated we have been very fortunate because in his past experiences, this type of damage can occur more often.

**Knoebels Picnic** – The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual family picnic at Knoebels was held on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Mr. W. Miller reported that it was a success and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time, even with the large crowd at the park that day.

**Spring Creek Meter Pit Vandalism** – Last year our Authority personnel noticed someone, which we assume were young adults, accessed our gate to our Spring Creek Meter Pit. This recently occurred again; however, this time the individual opened the control box and damaged some of the clamps. Mr. W. Miller obtained some signs to post at the property which indicate tampering with our facility is a Federal Offense.

Mr. Onufrak suggested reporting this to the police and see if they can patrol the area. Mr. W. Miller indicated the meter pit is down an embankment along the creek and is not visible by driving by; however, he will report the vandalism to the Spring Township Police. Mr. Hoffman also suggested obtaining signs from our security company that indicate the area is under surveillance.

**Shiloh Road** – Rob Everett, PA DEP, recently contacted our office inquiring about sewer service to the Shiloh Road area. Mr. Everett indicated that he was recently contacted by someone wanting to know if our Authority had to sign off on that area to allow University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) to accept the flow. This same individual told Mr. Everett that he/she has a copy of a letter from the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) indicating it is acceptable for UAJA to accept this flow, but Mr. Everett has not seen a copy of this letter. Mr. Everett indicated to Mr. W. Miller that he informed this individual that the Shiloh Road area is in SBWJA's service area and SBWJA must agree on that area before flows can be accepted at UAJA.

**127 Bergamot Way (Opequon Hill)** – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that a contractor just built a home at 127 Bergamot Way, which is located in the Opequon Hill Subdivision. All of the homes located on Bergamot Way and Buttercup Way in this development require a grinder pump for sewer service, which is maintained by our Authority personnel.

The Authority placed the order for the grinder station in April for this property and was told it would be six (6) weeks until the unit would be available for delivery. The contractor is then invoiced for the grinder station once delivery occurs. The grinder station ended up taking three (3) months to get delivered, which occurred just one week prior to the scheduled occupancy of the property.

Our Authority personnel were on site to assist with the start-up of the unit and determined the manufacturer's wiring was not correct. Mr. Dashner rewired the unit to make it function and the manufacturer has since provided a new control panel.

After all of this occurred, the contractor broke the lid on the valve pit and cracked the 8ft. deep fiberglass tank with his skid steer. The valve pit lid was replaced, but the tank has not been fixed. Mr. W. Miller told the contractor that we will not accept this grinder unit and he has to replace the cracked tank. The contractor has indicated that he will not be fixing the grinder unit. Mr. Hoffman suggested contacting the homeowner to make them aware of the situation in case legal action is pursued.

**Billing Software** – Mr. W. Miller discussed our current billing software, Mastertrak, being purchased by Muni-Link and the proposal provided by Muni-Link to upgrade to their system. Muni-Link, which is a cloud based version, provided our Authority with two options. Mr. W. Miller has contacted our Authority's IT specialists, RBA, inquiring about the design of a custom software package for our Authority.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board suggested including the proposals in the next board meeting packet with a break-down of how much it would cost per EDU per quote.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Mix had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

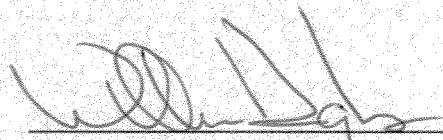
**Greens Valley Road Lot for Sale** – Mr. Onufrak asked if anyone knew if the lot along the back of Greens Valley Road was sold and the future plans of the lot as far as sewer is concerned. Mr. W. Miller will look into this further.


**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business presented for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Onufrak moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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William Hughes, Secretary

  
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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

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