

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

July 28, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Gregg Heny Ted Onufrak Jason Scott Dondi Smeltzer
	Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
	Walker	None

GUESTS: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 28, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Timothy Miller, Chairman. Mr. T. Miller thanked everyone for attending and stated that the meeting would be recorded for transcription.

ROLL CALL:

William Hughes, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording seven members present. Mr. McDowell and Mr. Swanderski were absent. Mr. T. Miller, 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. T. Miller, Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. T. Miller asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the July 14, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1823 Buffalo Run Road – Mr. W. Miller referenced a letter our Authority sent to the property owner of 1823 Buffalo Run Road regarding an issue detected while smoke testing in the vicinity of the home.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Onufrak reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 06/30/2014. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions pertaining to the reports. Mr. Onufrak referenced the Centre County Prison's surcharge expense account to date and asked why it is so high in relation to the budgeted amount. Mr. W. Miller stated that a minimal amount is budgeted due to the account being a pass through; Bellefonte Borough invoices our Authority for our customer's BOD surcharge and then we invoice the customer directly for the full amount.

Mr. T. Miller completed an overview of the budget accounts at this halfway point of the year and indicated our Authority is in a favorable position. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-37 - Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-37 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$278,001.97. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mammoth Restoration & Construction – Mr. W. Miller reported that he has spoken with Mammoth's engineer, John Sepp, regarding their request for reimbursement of the tapping fee for Lot #6 of Benner Commerce Park. Mr. Sepp was unaware of his client's decision to stop construction and indicated he fully understands our need to protect the forcemain.

Mr. W. Miller has contacted a representative of Mammoth indicating they will be having a meeting with Glenn O. Hawbaker in the near future to address our concerns with adequate cover of the forcemain. Mr. W. Miller indicated that a 10' x 15' area of the forcemain has less than 1' of cover and must be properly protected. The tapping fee refund will be included for approval at the next board meeting.

Sheckler Right-of-Way – The Authority personnel completed a review of our records and determined that the Shecklers were never compensated for the easement they are looking to terminate. Mr. W. Miller indicated this was a private right-of-way, in our Authority's name, that was intended to serve lots along Lyonstown Road, prior to sewer being extended to that area in the mid-1990s. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Termination of Sewer Line Easement Agreement with the Sheckler family originally dated August 30, 1988. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Mr. W. Miller indicated that the Authority will also need to approve the revisions to the easement agreement for pump station #2 (Jacksonville) and forcemain which will depict a more detailed easement. Mr. Onufrak asked Mr. W. Miller if he requested additional right-of-way for the pump station and he stated no. Mr. W. Miller recently reviewed the easements for all of the pump stations and the easement for PS#2 is larger than most. If the Sheckler farm would develop, we would request additional easements at that time, if needed. **Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the revisions to the easement for Pump Station #2 as presented to depict a more detailed description. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Township Paving Projects – Benner Township's Roadmaster contacted our Authority last week stating the Township will be tar/chipping several roads starting July 30, 2014. Mr. W. Miller indicated that with tar/chipping we simply place sand over the manholes just ahead of the work crew; therefore, this should not be a concern.

Pleasant Gap Fire Company Parade - Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that our Authority participated in the Pleasant Gap Fire Company Parade on July 24, 2014. Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Gill walked the parade route handing out candy, while Mr. Dashner and Mr. Musser drove the Video Truck and Vector Truck throughout the parade. Mr. W. Miller believes we were well received and would like to participate in next year's parade.

Central PA Institute of Science & Technology (CPI) – Mr. W. Miller reported that an in-home inspection was completed at CPI a couple of years ago, which identified the need for repairs to their sewer drain system consisting of terracotta and transite pipe. Our Authority assisted the CPI with placing the project for bid and the bid has since been awarded to Steve Yarnell. Once the job is complete, CPI will have a new sewer lateral serving their facility.

Penn Eagle Pump Station #9 – Mr. W. Miller reported that around 2:00 a.m. on July 28, 2014 he received a high wet well alarm from Penn Eagle Pump Station #9. The high alarm was a result of a failing test ball allowing a significant amount of water and silt to enter the Penn Eagle gravity system and pump station. A local contractor recently core bored one of our manholes, which is about 15' deep, to serve a private lateral from Restek and the test ball failed. As a result we received a large amount of mud and stone in our lines. The Authority staff spent most of the day cleaning the lines with the Vactor truck and video inspecting to verify everything was clean. Mr. W. Miller indicated a bill will be sent to this local contractor for the use of the Authority's equipment and personnel.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Zion/Mingoville Study – Mr. Johnson reported that portable flow meters have been installed at PS#5 (Mingoville) and PS#7 (Zion Ridge) to collect flow data over the next four to six weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

SCI Rockview/SCI Benner Phosphorous Levels – Mr. Hoffman asked for an update on the letter Bellefonte Borough sent to SCI Rockview/SCI Benner several months ago pertaining to a high level of phosphorous in the wastewater leaving their facilities. Mr. W. Miller indicated that he spoke with Ron Schinkle, SCI Rockview, who indicated they will change their laundry soap, which should alleviate some of the issues.

SCI Rockview Monies – Mr. W. Miller was recently contacted by Barb Hudson, SCI Rockview Budget Analyst, asking if there are any updates on the monies remaining in escrow from 1991 as part of the Capital Cost Agreement. Mr. W. Miller stated that Rockview has a new Business Manager and Superintendent that are very involved and want to finalize this issue.


Knoebels Picnic – Mrs. Gill reminded the Board that the 10th annual picnic at Knoebels will be held on August 2, 2014 at picnic pavilion R for those who want to attend.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____