

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Gregg Heny
		Ted Onufrak
		Jason Scott
		Dondi Smeltzer
Benner	Dan Hoffman	
	William Hughes	
	Timothy Miller	
Walker	Dennis McDowell	
	Joseph Swanderski	

GUESTS: None Present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EMPLOYEES: Tasha Dutton

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 13, 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 eight members present. Mr. Onufrak entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m. 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.

Mr. Onufrak entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Spring Creek Watershed Association – The Authority received a letter from the Water Resources Coordinator, Lori Davis, of the Spring Creek Watershed Association thanking us for our continued support; however, an employee from the Spring Creek Watershed Association later asked that we return this letter because it was sent to the Authority by mistake. There were several information booklets that accompanied this letter regarding nitrate monitoring that the Authority was permitted to keep. Mr. W. Miller stated that the Authority should consider contributing to this group because both the Spring Creek Watershed Association and Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority are attempting to protect the Spring Creek Watershed. Mr. Smeltzer recommended that Mr. W. Miller plan for a contribution to the Spring Creek Watershed Association in the 2015 budget. Mr. Onufrak suggested Mr. W. Miller should provide a list of potential organizations our Authority could donate to.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-42 – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-42.

Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-42 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$69,270.78. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pearpoint Camera – The Authority currently owns three (3) push cameras to complete lateral inspections. Our maintenance department recently sent one of the Pearpoint camera heads away for repair and the eleven (11) year old Gen-Eye has a kink in the cord that is located sixty (60) feet from the camera head. Mr. W. Miller requested the Board consider purchasing an additional Pearpoint camera unit for \$9,131.00 due to the increased number of in-home inspections being completed daily. Mr. W. Miller also informed the Board that he believes he may be able to sell the Gen-Eye to a smaller sewer system for approximately \$1,000.00. **Mr. Onufrak moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the purchase of the Pearpoint camera unit for \$9,131.00.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

HomeServe – Mr. W. Miller and Mrs. Gill attended a presentation at the PA Rural Water Spring Conference regarding the new HomeServe program that is available in our area. The HomeServe group offers coverage not typically included in basic homeowners insurance for utility repairs. Mr. W. Miller reviewed the sewer/septic line coverage which include an annual coverage up to \$10,000 for a monthly fee of approximately \$8.99 - \$9.99. Mrs. Dutton completed a webinar and telephone conference with Bill Eller from HomeServe regarding this program, which she thought was good for the customer; however, she was concerned with two (2) of HomeServe's requirements. Mr. Eller stated that HomeServe would need to have access to SBWJA's customer database and would be permitted to conduct business under the Authority's logo. Mr. Mix expressed his concern with HomeServe conducting business under the Authority's name. The Board discussed this matter and decided not to participate with HomeServe at this time.

New Service Truck – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that a new service truck was included in the 2014 budget; therefore, he will be placing an order through the Costars program before October 31, 2014. The truck will be equipped with a lift crane and service body.

In-Home Inspections – Mr. T. Miller asked what types of deficiencies are being found during the in-home inspections. Mr. W. Miller stated that there are many sump pumps, HVAC condensate lines and breaks in sewer laterals, which are typical repairs found throughout the system.

Benner Township Water Authority – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that the Benner Township Water Authority has recently pressurized a water main line located at the back of the Crestview Development due to a homeowner being without water as a result of a well failure. There were also two (2) fire hydrants installed during this process. It was noted that there may be several additional homes being connected to the public water system due to current well problems some homes are experiencing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Yeagles's Mini-Storage Sewer Relocation Agreement – Mr. Mix reported that he finished the paper work for the sewer relocation agreement between SBWJA and Yeagle's Mini-Storage located in the Penn Eagle Industrial Park. This agreement has now been accepted by the planning office. Mr. Mix and Mr. W. Miller agreed the sewer extension agreement will not be recorded as requested by the County.

Tax Judicial Sales – Mr. Mix and Mrs. Dutton informed the Board that two (2) of the three (3) properties that were involved in the Tax Judicial Sale were sold on September 24, 2014. The properties sold were 1515 Axemann Road and 1155 S. Main Street. There were no bids for 274 Lower Coleville.

OLD BUSINESS:

Benner Township Supervisors – Mr. T. Miller expressed his thanks for all the work put into the letter to the Benner Township Supervisors regarding sewer service to the Shiloh Road area.

Pump Station Appearance – Mr. Smeltzer expressed his thoughts of having some of the pump stations manicured due to their current appearance. Mr. W. Miller stated that he would contact Rockview's nursery to obtain plants for this project. The 2015 budget will include funds to freshen up the pump stations in need of work.

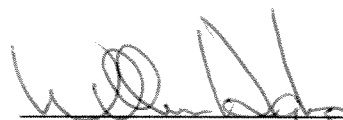
NEW BUSINESS:

Additional Holiday – Mrs. Dutton asked the Board to consider approving Columbus Day as a paid holiday for the employees of SBWJA due to local banks and post offices being closed. Mr. Hoffman stated that he would take this to the personnel committee for discussion. Mrs. Dutton thanked the Board for considering the matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. Onufrak to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township ✓
Spring Township ✓
Walker Township ✓ } 10/28/14 JLD