

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Spring	Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
Walker	Dennis McDowell Ted Onufrak

GUESTS: None

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Tasha Dutton and Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 8, 2016, 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. Galbraith was 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 January 25, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thomas Bowes & Associates – We received a request for sewer capacity of 12 EDUs from Mr. Bowes for the Musser Hills Subdivision located along Weaver Hill Road in Spring Township. The Musser Hills Subdivision was denied the use of on-lot sewage disposal due to elevated nitrate levels in the area and the developer is proposing the use of an Orenco system, which will be discharged to our system. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that he spoke with Spring Township to verify this parcel of land is zoned agricultural, which would consist of one (1) residential unit per lot. The original parcel could be subdivided further; however, it would be limited to a minimum of one (1) acre lots and it typically would be cost prohibitive to run public utilities due to the developer recouping the money for the installation. Mr. W. Miller also stated that he spoke with the Township's Manager, Mr. MacMath, regarding an 8" sewer main being extended up Weaver Hill Road to the top of Bending Oak for future use and Mr. MacMath was acceptable of this decision. It was also noted that once SBWJA approves capacity, Bellefonte Borough Treatment Plant approves adequate treatment and DEP approves a Component 3 Planning Module for sewer service to the property that it will amend Spring Township's Act 537 Plan. **Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve sewer capacity of 12 EDUs for the Musser Hills Subdivision in Spring Township contingent upon the Bellefonte Borough Authority's approval of the treatment.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Nittany Engineering & Associates – Our Authority was provided with a copy of the Bellefonte Borough Authority's Special Study as it relates to the proposed upgrades to their Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was noted that Spring Township will receive an entire copy of the study; however, Benner and Walker Township will only receive a courtesy letter. Mr. McDowell asked if this indicated that Benner and Walker Township would not have an opportunity to comment on the study. Mr. W. Miller stated that he believes if Spring Township Planning and Centre County Planning approve the study that the thirty (30) day public comment period will begin. Mr. W. Miller will be attending Spring Township's Planning Commission meeting on February 15, 2016 to express SBWJA's concerns with the proposed upgrades. Mr. Book now with Rettew and Mr. Johnson will submit comments as well.

PA DEP – We received notification from the PA DEP detailing technical deficiencies that must be addressed before the PA DEP can resume its technical review of our Water Quality Management Permit for Pump Station #7. Mr. Johnson's firm spoke with Rob Everett from PA DEP regarding the deficiencies and planning details that must be submitted to obtain approval.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-71 – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-71. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-71 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$44,159.58. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Zoning Hearing for Pump Station #7 – Mr. W. Miller and Mr. McDowell presented our case to the Walker Township Zoning Hearing Board regarding the upgrades proposed for Pump Station #7 and our request for an exception/variance due to building within the 100 year flood plan. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet again at the Walker Township Building on 2/18/2016 at 6:00 P.M. with their conclusion. The Board's attorney, Jeff Stover, expressed concern with our flows leaking out from the wet well and contaminating ground water; however, in most cases it is actually the ground water that leaks into the wet well. Mr. Johnson stated that the new pump station will have a flow meter that will help monitor for this problem. Mr. McDowell expressed how pleased he was with Mr. W. Miller's presentation. The Board also stressed that the electrical panels and doors must be 1 to 1 ½ feet off of the floor due to the 100 year flood plan. Mr. W. Miller indicated that there will be no problems with the electrical panels; however, he will be notifying the Board that the door will be lower than the 1 to 1 ½ requirement. Mr. W. Miller feels that there should be no problems with obtaining the special exception/variance for Pump Station #7.

New Maintenance Department Employee – Mr. Heny asked for an update on hiring a new employee for the maintenance department. Mr. W. Miller and Mrs. Gill will interview several applicants the week of February 22, 2016.

Benner Pike Sewer Extension – Mr. W. Miller met with the last property owner regarding their grinder tank location for the Benner Pike Sewer Extension; therefore, the project will begin once the easements are obtained.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Easements – Mr. Mix indicated that he has been working on a number of easements from past and present projects. Mr. W. Miller stated that SBWJA recently sent an easement from a past project to Ron Ripka on Rex Lane, which will need to be revised due to his death. Mr. Mix stated that the easement can be revised to reflect the executor's name.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Pump Station #7 Upgrades – Mr. Johnson stated that he will respond to PA DEP regarding the technical deficiencies.

BBA Special Study – Mr. Johnson and Mr. Balliet performed a cursory review of Bellefonte's special study. Mr. Johnson's firm will be ready to provide comment.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business present for discussion.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel & Community Relations Committee – Mr. Hoffman had nothing to report.


Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes stated that he would like to view the progress of the maintenance department's new locker room.

Financial Committee: Mr. Onufrak had nothing to report.

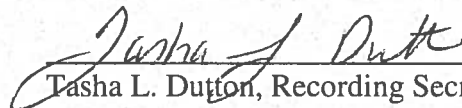
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____ > 2/23/2016 2:0