

# **SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**June 11, 2018**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>AUTHORITY MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Spring</b>	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
	<b>Benner</b>	William Hughes
	<b>Walker</b>	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

**GUESTS:** None present

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Andy Johnson, P.E.

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** N. Warren Miller

**EMPLOYEES:** Kelly Gill

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dennis McDowell, 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 seven members present. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. T. Miller were excused from the meeting. Mr. McDowell, 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, Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the May 29, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Scott Harford, Energy Engineer at PSU** – We received an email from Scott Harford, P.E. of Penn State Facilities Engineering Institute indicating that our Authority will receive an estimated annual savings of \$1,434 in energy costs as part of the COSTARS electric procurement program. The contract term commences on June 1, 2018 and runs through December 31, 2021 for a total estimated savings of \$5,138.

Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that in 2017 our Authority enrolled in the Electricity Procurement Services program through the Commonwealth's COSTARS program where energy professionals continually monitor market conditions and determine the best times to shop for electricity. In 2017 it was determined that our current electric provider, West Penn Power, had the best rates; therefore, no changes were made. We recently were informed that through the PA Department of General Services COSTARS program a contract was negotiated for numerous governmental agencies within the Commonwealth to purchase electric generation for an overall savings of \$450,000 over the term of the contract.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-125** – Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2012-125 in the amount of \$43,232.84. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-125. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-125 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$43,232.84.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Storm Damage to Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge)** – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that during a storm last month a pine tree fell on the fence at Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) causing a good amount of damage to our newly installed fence. We received an estimate in the amount \$1,050.00 to replace everything that was damaged and Mr. W. Miller is looking into possibly filing an insurance claim.

**SR 550 Resurfacing Project** – Mr. McDowell commented about a manhole in the southbound lane of SR 550, where it intersects with Musser Lane, being really low and in the tire path. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that this manhole was not raised during the project. This section of SR 550 was milled and filled. The only way to adjust the manhole elevation would involve excavating the newly paved road.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Tax Judicial Sale on June 22, 2018** – Mr. Mix indicated that the property located at 2053 Axemann Road, Bellefonte is scheduled for a Tax Judicial Sale on June 22, 2018. The Centre County Tax Claim Borough attempted to sell the property last year; however, there were no bids received. Mr. Mix stated that the owner owes approximately \$15,000.00 in back taxes. The County petitioned the Court to sell the property free and clear of all liens. Our Authority has the option to pay the outstanding taxes and purchase the property for resale. Once the request is granted by the Courts, this Authority is going to lose the municipal lien filed against the property in the amount of \$858.00. Mrs. Gill stated the total account balance to date is \$1,526.16, which would have to be written off as a bad debt expense. The property is in poor condition and has been vacant for years.

#### **ENGINEER' S REPORT:**

**Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) Act 57 Study** – Mr. Johnson indicated that he has been in discussions with the Authority staff regarding the completion of an Act 57 Study for the upgrades to Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) so that our Authority can institute a Special Purpose Tapping Fee to recoup some of the costs associated with development in that drainage basin. The capacity of the pump station would need determined, on an EDU basis, and the upgrade costs would need reviewed to aid in determining the Special Purpose Tapping fee.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the Zion/Mingoville Capacity Study that Gwin, Dobson & Foreman (GD&F) updated in 2015 included the completion of an Act 57 Study, at no additional cost to our Authority. GD&F can proceed with the completion of the Act 57 Study, if the Authority gives authorization. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to authorize Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers to proceed with the completion of an Act 57 Study to aid in determining a Special Purpose Tapping Fee for the drainage area served by Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge).** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

The Authority staff will work with Mr. Johnson in determining potential development in the drainage area served by Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge). Mr. Mix indicated that once the Act 57 Study is completed the Authority Board will need to pass a Resolution to institute the Special Purpose Tapping Fee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no Old Business presented for discussion.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel & Community Relations Committee** – Mr. Hoffman was absent from the meeting.

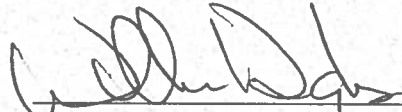
**Facilities Committee:** Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

**Financial Committee:** Mr. Heny had nothing to report.

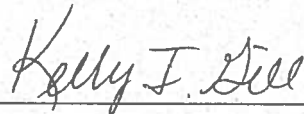
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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William Hughes, Secretary

  
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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Spring Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Walker Township \_\_\_\_\_