

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

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

GUESTS: Shirley Gryczuk & Melinda Conrad

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Tasha Dutton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The June 13, 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 nine members present. 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, Employees and Guests 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 May 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

PA DEP – We received a letter from Thomas Randis of PA DEP indicating they have reviewed and approved the Minor Act 537 Update Revision for Pump Station #7, dated May 2016. Mr. Randis also indicated that Spring, Benner and Walker Townships adopted the Minor Act 537 Update via a resolution. Mr. Randis enclosed a form that the Authority may use to apply for a planning grant from the Department to cover up to fifty percent (50%) of the cost incurred in the preparation of this plan. It was also noted that a Water Quality Management Permit will be required before we start construction of this project. Mr. Johnson indicated that he received an email from Jeremiah Northridge, Clean Water Program Permits Section Environmental Group Manager, informing him the Water Quality Management Permit was approved and will be sent to the Authority in ten (10) days. It was noted that the Water Quality Permit was the last permit to be obtained; therefore, the bids for the project may be accepted.

Keller Engineers, Inc. – We received a letter from Michael MacNamara requesting our Authority provide an intent to serve letter for sewer service for the Dog Valley Daycare located along SR 26 in Spring Township. Mr. W. Miller provided a letter of intent to Mr. MacNamara for this proposed project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-79 – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-79. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-79 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$340,059.88.** Mr. T. Miller indicated the revenue requisition included Bellefonte Borough's regular treatment bill and a capital improvement bill, which contained engineering fees associated with the Biomag upgrade. 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS:

Melinda Conrad – Melinda Conrad of 203 Arrowhead Way, Benner Township took a moment to introduce herself and stated that she was here to observe the meeting.

Shirley Gryczuk – Ms. Gryczuk had nothing to present to the Board at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bellefonte Borough Right To Know Request – The SBWJA Board was provided an electronic copy of Nittany Engineering & Associates Professional Services Proposals/Agreements with Bellefonte Borough Authority, Bellefonte's Sewer Management Agreement, Bellefonte's Water Management Agreement and Bellefonte Borough's Budgets from 2013 to 2015. Mr. Heny had questioned why some of the documents were not executed. Mr. W. Miller indicated that the Right to Know Request filed with Bellefonte Borough did not reflect executed copies of documents.

Benner Pike Sewer Extension – The Benner Pike Sewer Extension project was completed on June 10, 2016. Mr. W. Miller stated that the SBWJA maintenance department did a great job with the installation and cleanup of this project. The crew had encountered rock during this project; therefore, equipment rentals will be more than anticipated. This sewer extension should be close to the estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 for materials. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that restoration would not be completed until the fall unless the property owner agrees to take full responsibility of caring for the lawn once installed. Mr. W. Miller recommended a sixty (60) day notice of connection to sewer service be sent to the residents. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the sixty (60) day notice of connection to sewer service be sent to the residents involved with the Benner Pike Sewer Extension. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

Pump Station #7 – Mr. Fouse of HRI, Inc. has been in contact with Mr. W. Miller and Mr. Johnson regarding the upcoming project and how he is looking forward to working with the Authority again. Mr. W. Miller stated the upgrades to Pump Station #7 should make it run more efficiently. The same variable frequency drives that were installed at the Rockview Pump Station will be installed during this project and will help with the wear and tear of pumps, piping and equipment.

Biosolids Application – Mr. T. Miller asked for an update regarding the Biosolids application process. The citizen, Renee Swancer, which filed an injunction against the Spicer Family to stop the Biosolids application process, had a hearing last Friday. It was noted that Jim Bryant is representing the Spicer Family and Bellefonte has decided to join in as a party on the defense side with the Spicer Family. There were very few facts about the Biosolids discussed during the hearing; however, there were many motions made on why a certain attorney was not able to represent a specific person. Mr. W. Miller stated that he was told Bellefonte has decided not to proceed with the Biosolids application process until the court hearing is complete.

The Benner Township Water Authority (BTWA) has also appealed the permit for the application of Biosolids to the Spicer Farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. T. Miller recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss litigation and possible negotiations. The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

Biosolids Application – Shirley Gryczuk presented a few questions to the Board regarding Bellefonte Borough's Consumer Confidence Report which revealed violations. Ms. Gryczuk and Ms. Conrad also questioned what haulers bring sludge to the Bellefonte treatment plant. Mr. W. Miller indicated that the hauler information would be located in Bellefonte's Chapter 94 Report.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Pump Station #7 Upgrade – Mr. Johnson asked if the Board would be interested in approving the intent to award this contract, which would technically start the paper work process. **Mr. McMurtrie moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the intent to award the Pump Station No. 7 Zion/Ridgecrest Upgrades Contract No. 1: General-Mechanical Work to the apparent low bidder, HRI, Inc., in the amount of \$821,500.00 and to approve the intent to award the Pump Station No. 7 Zion/Ridgecrest Upgrades Contract No. 1: Electrical Work to the apparent low bidder, HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$22,500.00. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Knoebels Picnic – The 12th Annual family picnic at Knoebels Amusement Resort is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016. Mrs. Gill requested that anyone planning on attending to contact her with an approximate number that will be present by the June 27, 2016 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

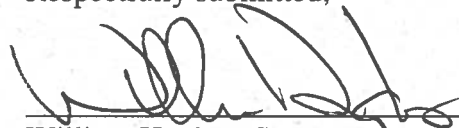
Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Onufrak had nothing to report.

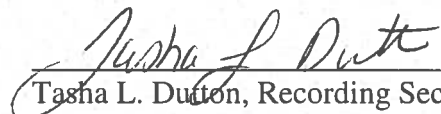
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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 _____