

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

March 25, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
	Benner	Brian Book Dan Hoffman Timothy Miller
	Walker	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

GUESTS: None present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 25, 2019, 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:

Dondi Smeltzer, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording nine members present. 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 March 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

John Kostas/215 Aster Avenue – We received a Right-To-Know Request Form from John Kostas of 215 Aster Avenue requesting a digital copy of our March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

John Kostas/215 Aster Avenue – We received an email from John Kostas of 215 Aster Avenue indicating that he is rescinding his Right-To Know Request Form for a digital copy of our March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Heny reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 02/28/2019. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. **Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. T. Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-143 – Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2012-143 in the amount of \$57,741.38. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-143. **Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-143 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$57,741.38. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Project – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that he and Benner Township Supervisor, Randy Moyer, met with the developer and their engineer on March 13, 2019 to discuss the possibility of the developer completing a component 3B planning module to avoid further delays with the project. Mr. W. Miller indicated the developer is unable to complete a component 3B planning module due to the project being too cost prohibitive. Typically when a developer extends public sewer it only involves a few manhole runs and does not include stream crossings, highway crossings, etc.

As suggested during the last board meeting, Mr. W. Miller contacted Rob Everett, PA DEP, to obtain further clarification of extending public sewer to the areas identified within the current Benner Township Act 537 Plan and the need for the additional planning. Mr. Everett indicated the current Benner Township Act 537 Plan does not adequately address the area (ie. some homes are not included in the plan); therefore, the Special Study would appropriately address those areas. The PA DEP also confirmed that if this Authority were to extend public sewer to the Shiloh Road area without connecting any of the existing homes along the way, this would be contradictory to Benner Township's current Act 537 Plan; therefore, the PA DEP would then expect sanitary surveys to be completed because of concerns with the homes along Spring Creek and their existing on-lot systems.

Mr. Book asked if the developer mentioned a timing issue during the meeting. Mr. W. Miller stated the developer has a signed agreement with the landowner and wants to move forward, but if we delay the project for a year or two, as currently being proposed by a Benner Township Supervisor, the developer can't guarantee they will be there when it's time to proceed.

Mr. Swanderski inquired about the timeframe for Gwin, Dobson & Foreman (GD&F) to complete the Act 537 Special Study and Mr. W. Miller stated it will take a few months. Mr. W. Miller stated the most efficient plan to extend sewer service to the Shiloh Road area would be to receive approval from Benner Township to move forward with the Special Study by connecting the existing homes in the Walnut Grove, Big Hollow Road, Rock Road and Shiloh Road to the public sewer. This Authority would then start the permitting, surveying and design phase in conjunction with the Special Study.

Mr. Book stated that there's no guarantee until the Act 537 Plan Special Study is completed and then adopted by the Benner Township Supervisors. Mr. W. Miller agreed, but reiterated that the more sensible approach is not to expend the monies the staff at SBWJA worked hard to earn to complete the Special Study until direction is provided by Benner Township. Mr. T. Miller suggested this Authority consider making a motion to proceed with the Act 537 Plan Special Study contingent upon the approval of the Benner Township Supervisors to prevent any further delays. Mr. W. Miller again stated that he sees no benefit with starting the Special Study until the Benner Township Supervisors make a decision on the scope of the project. The Board agreed with Mr. W. Miller's recommendation by waiting for further direction from the Benner Township Supervisors before starting the Act 537 Plan Special Study.

OLD BUSINESS:

Work Along Spring Creek Road – Mr. Hoffman inquired about the work the maintenance crew was completing along Spring Creek Road within the last couple of weeks. Mr. W. Miller stated the maintenance department were completing routine cleaning, jetting and video inspection of the sewer main lines in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

PA One Call Proclamation – Mr. W. Miller provided the Authority Board with a proclamation to recognize the month of April 2019 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” and recommended approval. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2019 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month and to encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project which is attached and made a part of these official meeting minutes . 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Facilities Committee: Mr. Galbraith had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Heny had nothing to report.

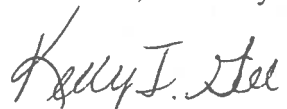
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dondi Smeltzer, Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

Proclamation

SPRING BENNER WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

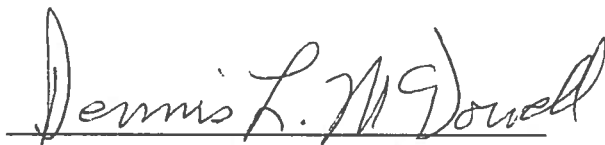
WHEREAS, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's unprecedented economic development, by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of excavation to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to Pennsylvania citizens; and

WHEREAS, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment; and

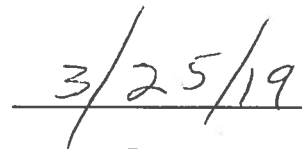
WHEREAS, this vital service, which began with only six utility companies; now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, each year Pennsylvania 811 receives more than 800,000 notification requests and transmits more than six million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers and citizens of SPRING BENNER WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SPRING BENNER WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY recognize the month of April, 2019 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" and encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including even small projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that three business days' notice is the law for safe digging.



Signed



Date

Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month