

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
	Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
	Walker	Joseph Swanderski

GUESTS: None present

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Tasha Dutton

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 8, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Joseph Galbraith, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Galbraith 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. McDowell was excused from the meeting. Mr. Galbraith, Vice-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. Galbraith, Vice-Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Galbraith asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-133– Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2012-133 in the amount of \$41,676.76. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-133. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Swanderski to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-133 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$41,676.76. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW REPORT:

September 2018 System Overview – Mr. W. Miller reviewed the September 2018 System Overview with the Board.

Mr. W. Miller stated there were 21 in-home inspections completed in the month of September, which identified sump pumps being replumbed back into the sanitary sewer system. It was also noted that the maintenance department identified leaking 6" X 4" reducers, which are the Authority's responsibility. The maintenance department completed 14 new sewer lateral inspections and our office staff received four (4) sewer permit applications and issued the permits.

The maintenance staff completed 3.5 miles of video work to identify infiltration and inflow during the recent rain events in September.

Our maintenance department serviced the grinder pump at 120 Buttercup Way due to the homeowner calling for assistance. The alarm was due to a large buildup of grease in the grinder. It was noted that the maintenance staff reminded the homeowners of the effects associated with introducing grease into the sewer system. The homeowners stated they were going to compost all future waste so it is not placed into the sewer.

The reduced pressure zone backflow preventers have been installed at Pump Station #9 (Penn Eagle) and Pump Station #16 (Benner Commerce) due to Bellefonte Borough's new backflow prevention plan they implemented. Mr. W. Miller indicated meter pits will be constructed at Pump Station #15 (Sunnyside) and Pump Station #17 (Mews), which will allow us to install a testable double check valve at each location.

Our personnel completed work for Spring Township on 9/5/2018, which consisted of storm drains on Greens Valley Road being cleaned. Mr. W. Miller also indicated our staff marked 67 PA One Call tickets.

There were multiple tasks performed for Benner Township Water Authority, which included the installation of a new generator that was purchased with PA Small Water & Sewer Grant monies for the Grove Park development. Our staff also maintained the water quality on the system by exercising the fire hydrants and blow offs.

Mr. Galbraith asked for an approximate number of in-home inspections that were completed and a number of in-homes inspections remaining. Mr. W. Miller stated there were 4,500 inspections completed and approximately 106 to finish. The areas not completed at this time include Coleville, Fifth Avenue and Pleasant View. Mr. Swanderski asked if the in-home inspection process is effective. Mr. W. Miller stated that prior to the in-home inspection process, our meter pit flows would spike during wet weather and now the flows remain level due to the elimination of inflow and infiltration that was a result of the in-home inspections.

Mr. Swanderski asked Mr. W. Miller what he feels is the "achilles heal" of our collection system. Mr. W. Miller mentioned replacing the old galvanized forcemain for Pump Station #2 (Jacksonville Road) and Pump Station #3 (Musser Lane) due to tuberculation decreasing the diameter of the pipe. An upgrade to Pump Station #8 (Zion-Stover) is also being considered due to the availability of parts for the current Chicago pumps and their outdated electronics. The parts for the Chicago pumps have not been manufactured for over 40 years. Mr. W. Miller also indicated that Pump Station #10 (Valley View) and Pump Station #11 (Jenny Gap) should be upgraded due to the submersible pumps being over 35 years old. Another issue we have is maintaining the quality of our effluent flows from our forcemains.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

203 S. Danielle Drive & 205 S. Danielle Drive – Mr. Smeltzer asked if these laterals were broken at the same time, perhaps installed in a common ditch, as if someone drove in their yard with soft ground. Mr. W. Miller stated the laterals are not installed side by side in the yard and are separated. It is just coincidental the homes are side by side. Mr. W. Miller stated that our maintenance department was completing routine video work during our recent rain event and noticed clear water coming from their sewer laterals; therefore, we completed a video inspection of each lateral and noted there were breaks in both of them.

2011 Ford F-250 Truck – The Authority will be opening bids on November 13, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. for the purchase of the 2011 Ford F-250 Truck. Mrs. Gill stated an advertisement was placed in the Centre Daily Times yesterday and will be submitted again on Wednesday.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road – Mr. Mix stated that he has not received a response from his letter he sent to Benner Township regarding public sewer service in the Shiloh Road area.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Shiloh Road – Mr. Johnson and Mr. W. Miller spent some time reviewing the Shiloh Road area and discussed different options for providing sewer service. Mr. Galbraith asked if a price has been calculated for this project. Mr. Johnson stated that with all the variables involved with this type of project, it would be very difficult to give a dollar figure without a fair amount of time being committed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Deerhaven Phase 2A (8 EDUs) – Mr. W. Miller indicated the developer for Deerhaven Phase 2A is ready to proceed with a short mainline extension and has submitted a Sewer Extension Agreement for execution. Mr. W. Miller stated that Phase 2 has been broken up into stages and 2A will consist of 8 EDUs. The Board will execute the Sewer Extension Agreement for Deerhaven Phase 2A.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel & Community Relations Committee – Mr. Hoffman stated he has been working on the cost of living figures; however, he is unable to provide this information to the Board at this time until he receives the most recent cost of living figures that will be published on October 11, 2018. Mr. Hoffman will present the most recent cost of living figures at the October 22, 2018 meeting for approval.

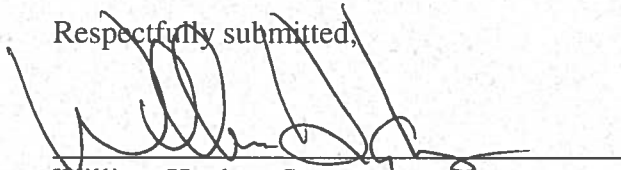
Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Heny had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 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 _____

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