

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 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

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Christopher Eckenrode, P.E.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Tasha Dutton

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 12, 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 August 22, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bellefonte Borough Authority – We received correspondence from Bellefonte’s Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Robert Cook, informing our Authority of Bellefonte’s Industrial Pretreatment Program and their requirements to renew their local limits for their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Mr. W. Miller indicated that this was a standard procedure for the Borough.

Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC – We received a copy of the letter that Nittany Engineering & Associates sent to the Planning Manager, Thomas M. Randis, of PA DEP. The letter provided responses to PA DEP’s letter dated July 26, 2016 in regards to Bellefonte Borough Authority’s Act 537 Special Study submitted previously for review and comment. Nittany Engineering’s letter indicates they disagree with PA DEP requirements regarding the approval of the Biomag project. Mr. Heny asked what the financial impact would be on SBWJA if Bellefonte continues to fall behind with their schedule. Mr. W. Miller indicated that he hopes that Bellefonte has executed a lump sum contract with Nittany Engineering; therefore, a set fee for the work would already be established and it would not matter on the time it takes to complete the work.

Bellefonte Borough – Mrs. Gill sent a letter to Ralph Stewart of Bellefonte Borough indicating her concerns with the 2nd Quarter 2016 and the finalized 4th Quarter 2015 bills for the Wastewater Treatment Plant that was submitted to SBWJA for payment on August 1, 2016. The letter indicated that Mrs. Gill attempted to obtain additional information from Ms. Walker regarding the bills, on several occasions, with no success. It was noted that it was in the best interest of all affected parties to issue a payment for the total amount due, less the transactions in question. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that the Commonwealth’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2016; therefore, they requested their bill to complete their year-end budget reports.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-85 – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-85. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-85 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$580,154.27.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.** Mr. Onufrak asked if Mr. Johnson from Gwin Dobson & Foreman was comfortable with the Payment Applications that HRI, Inc. submitted for the upgrades made to Pump Station #7 Zion Ridgecrest. Mr. W. Miller indicated he reviewed the Payment Applications with Mr. Johnson and they requested HRI, Inc. decrease the amount due on the earth moving line item.

GUESTS:

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

189/191 Thomas Lane, Pleasant Gap - During a previous meeting, Mr. W. Miller informed the Board of the prior owner of 189/191 Thomas Lane, Pleasant Gap improperly completing the sewer permit application in 2009 indicating a Single Family Dwelling (Bi-Level home) was being constructed; however, a duplex was constructed. At Mr. Mix's recommendation, a letter and invoice was sent to the current owner of 189/191 Thomas Lane, Pleasant Gap for the additional 1.00 EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) in the amount of \$2,500.00 that was not collected in 2009. Mr. W. Miller indicated the previous owner of this property paid for the additional 1.00 EDU on September 6, 2016.

Benner Pike Sewer Extension – The maintenance department completed the restoration work involved with the Benner Pike Sewer Extension last week. It was noted that only one (1) more property is required to connect to the public sewer. Mr. W. Miller stated that there may be some difficulty getting the property owners to properly decommission their septic tanks; therefore, the Benner Township SEO may need to be involved. The Authority will send the property owners a letter stressing the requirement of taking care of their septic tanks. A letter was sent to PennDOT indicating the project was complete and ready for their final inspection for the portion along the Benner Pike.

Pump Station #7 Upgrades – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that HRI, Inc. hit a lot of solid rock during the Pump Station #7 upgrades; however, they have reached their final depth and are now building up the footer to pour the concrete slab. HRI, Inc. will be pouring the floor and forming the walls to the EQ Basin later this week.

It was noted that the Department of Labor and Industry must complete a final inspection of a newly constructed industrial or commercial building, if a township opts out to having their own code inspector as Walker Township has done. Gwin Dobson and Foreman applied for a building permit with the Department of Labor and Industry last week, once they recognized this requirement. The Department of Labor and Industry will only inspect a project once it is completed; therefore, a third party code inspector was hired to assure the building meets all requirements. The inspector for this project will be Rick Hampton from the Keystone Inspection Agency.

Mr. Eckenrode informed the Board that he has reviewed the submittals from HRI, Inc. and he feels they are adequate.

F-350 Service Trucks - The maintenance department has been experiencing some computer issues with the 2012 and 2015 Ford F-350 trucks. This computer issue causes the trucks to be stuck in idle mode. The 2012 truck was repaired last week; however, the same problem has returned. Mr. W. Miller stated that State College Ford is trying to have the repairs covered under warranty.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission – The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission will be holding their next meeting at the Spring Township Office on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. The Shiloh Road service area will be discussed if anyone would like to attend.

Rockview Flows – There has been a significant increase in flows at the Rockview Pump Station over the past month. The flows of the two (2) prisons have been averaging 750,000 to 1,000,000 gpd. Mr. W. Miller indicated the maintenance departments at the prisons are trying to narrow down problems that may be causing the increased flows.

Fulton Bank – The Financial Committee will be meeting with Fulton Bank at the SBWJA office on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss retirement options.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Mix was absent from the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Eckenrode had nothing more to discuss.

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 –

2017 Budget - Mr. Hoffman indicated he will be scheduling a personnel committee meeting in October to discuss raises and retirement in preparation of the 2017 Budget.

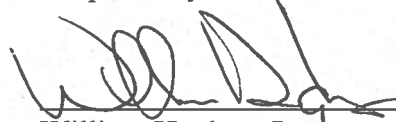
Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Onufrak had nothing to report.

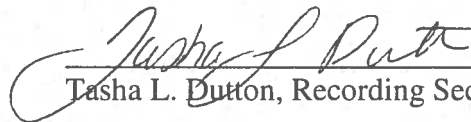
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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 _____