

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 26, 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 eight members present. Mr. Onufrak was absent. 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 and Employees 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 September 12, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Heny reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 08/31/2016. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report or any comments by the Authority staff. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-86 – Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition 2012-86. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-86.

Mr. Galbraith referenced the payment to State College Ford for the 2012 F-350 and asked if it wasn't covered under warranty as previously mentioned. Mr. W. Miller stated this purchase was for two batteries due to the dealership believing low voltage was part of the issue, but everything else so far has been covered under the warranty.

Mr. Smeltzer referenced the bill for the towing of the trucks to State College Ford and suggested contacting our automobile insurance carrier to see if it may be covered by the insurance. Mrs. Gill will contact the insurance company to see if towing is a covered item for future reference.

Mr. Heny asked if our Authority was satisfied with the information provided by Bellefonte Borough in relation to the payment being recommended for the remainder of the 2nd quarter 2016 and 4th quarter 2015 billings. Mrs. Gill stated that a few changes were made to the billing which included moving operational and maintenance (O&M) expenses to capital. There were also some expenses that the Borough failed to include with the 3rd quarter 2015 O&M billing and was calculating our proportionate share based on the 4th quarter 2015 flow ratio instead of using the 3rd quarter 2015 flow ratio. Mrs. Gill also indicated she will be requesting information regarding the Borough's pension plan to assist with calculation of the retirement expenses being billed to our Authority. Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Hoffman suggested asking for a copy of the union contract which should outline the pension plan. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-86 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$70,079.41.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) Meeting – Mr. T. Miller and Mr. W. Miller attended the NVJPC's meeting on September 15, 2016 to discuss sewer service to the Shiloh Road area of Benner Township. Mr. W. Miller indicated he believes the meeting went well and the NVJPC now has a better understanding of the situation.

During the NVJPC meeting, Vana Dainty stated the reason for the SBWJA rates being so low is because the Bellefonte Borough Authority (BBA) owns the treatment plant. Mr. W. Miller does not understand how Ms. Dainty could make such a statement when our Authority pays approximately 72% of the operational and maintenance costs of the BBA's plant.

Mr. T. Miller indicated consolidation was mentioned at the meeting and he informed the NVJPC Board of his breakfast meetings with Mr. Beigle in which he suggested establishing a joint committee to have open discussions about cooperatively working together on matters of mutual concern; however, that was rejected by the BBA. Mr. W. Miller indicated he feels as though consolidation would mostly benefit the BBA customers and the only advantage for our Authority would be having more say in these ongoing, expensive and ineffective upgrades which the BBA customers are paying 58%.

After the NVJPC meeting, our Authority came across an article in the Centre Daily Times from February 2016 indicating the UAJA has placed a hold on sewer design approvals due to the plant being at the nutrient removal capacity handling its existing customers. In order to move forward, UAJA needs more organic capacity. Mr. W. Miller forwarded the article to the NVJPC Board members stating he was not aware of the UAJA organic loading issues, but treatment at the BBA's wastewater treatment plant may be more cost effective for development even with the additional infrastructure.

Centre County Fire Training Center – The Centre County EMA is proposing to construct a pole shed at the Fire Training Facility along North Harrison Road and Jeff Wharran, EMA Director, is asking for permission to install it over our sewer main due to limited space within the fenced area. The Board suggested Mr. W. Miller obtain more information before a decision can be made.

Video Truck Camera Repair – In April 2016 our video truck camera was sent to A&H Equipment in Harrisburg for repairs due to grease leaking from the front axle. Over the last few months it continued to leak grease and our maintenance staff contacted the salesman about the ongoing issue and was told that it was a normal occurrence. After months of continuous grease leakage the salesman was again contacted and indicated the camera needed to go back for repair. Last week, Mr. W. Miller delivered the camera to A&H Equipment and has been provided with a quote of \$3,600.00 to replace the axle and gear assemblies, side plates and bushings. The maintenance department has been directed to contact the service department in the future for all maintenance issues not the salesman. Mr. W. Miller also spoke with Joe Swanderski, PSU, who also uses the same camera and had to have similar repairs made.

Pump Station #7 Upgrades –After Gwin, Dobson & Foreman (GD&F) applied for the building permit with the PA Department of Labor & Industry (L&I), they received a call indicating L&I will need to complete an inspection before concrete can be poured. This call was received after the concrete was already poured. Fortunately our Authority had the inspections completed by Rick Hampton, Keystone Inspection Agency, and the L&I have agreed to consult with Mr. Hampton regarding the inspections.

Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that HRI overlooked ordering the Gorman Rupp pumps after they were provided with the notice to proceed and just placed the order. Gorman Rupp has indicated it will be approximately 12-14 weeks until delivery, which would exceed the required date for substantial completion. Mr. W. Miller indicated our Authority could assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$1500 per day past substantial completion. A meeting will be held with HRI, GD&F and SBWJA on 09/28/2016 to discuss the project.

Finance Committee Meeting – The Finance committee met with Fulton Financial Advisors (FFA) on 09/21/2016 to discuss a proposal submitted by FFA for the Authority's retirement plan. The Centre County Refuse and Recycling Authority recently moved their retirement plans to FFA noting a significant savings to their employees. Mr. T. Miller indicated the Finance committee will also be meeting with our Authority's current retirement plan provider, ICMA-RC and will bring a recommendation back to the Authority Board.

House Plumbing – Last week our Authority became aware of two homes in the Pleasant Gap area that a portion of the home was found to be connected to their abandoned septic system from the early 1980s. The properties in question will have the plumbing corrected so the entire home is connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Rockview Pump Station Flows – Mr. T. Miller inquired about the status of the increased flows entering the Rockview pump station. Mr. W. Miller indicated the flows have since reduced to an average of 650,000 gpd, but he was unsure of the issues that were discovered by the prisons.

F-350 Service Trucks – Mr. T. Miller asked if our Authority experienced any further issues with the service trucks. Mr. W. Miller stated the 2012 F-350 appears to be fixed and the 2015 F-350 is scheduled with the garage on 09/27/2016.

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

