

# **SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**August 23, 2021**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>AUTHORITY MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Spring</b>	Toby Dashner Joseph Galbraith Christie McMurtrie
	<b>Benner</b>	Brian Book Willis Houser, Jr.
	<b>Walker</b>	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

**GUESTS:** John Kostas

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** N. Warren Miller

**EMPLOYEES:** Will Barton and Kelly Gill

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The August 23, 2021, 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 purposes.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Joseph Swanderski, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording seven members present. Mr. Heny and Mr. Hoffman were excused from the meeting. 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, Employees and Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Penn Terra Engineering, Inc.** - We received an email from John C. Sepp, P.E. of Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for JVH Bellefonte, LLC for Lot35R in the Penn Eagle Industrial Park in Spring Township. The total number of EDUs required for this project is 4.22 EDUs. Mr. Sepp was provided with a letter of intent for 4.22 EDUs for JVH Bellefonte, LLC (Penn Eagle Industrial Park Lot 35R) on August 23, 2021.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McMurtrie reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 07/31/2021. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Swanderski to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-34** – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-34 in the amount of \$59,668.97. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-34. Mr. Book referenced the payment to Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers for the final design phase of the Shiloh Road Project and wanted to know where things stood. Mr. Miller stated most of the lines have been designed. We are currently looking at some general pump station information and had a Vaughan Pump demonstration. Mr. Miller stated we are unsure of which brand of submersible pumps we are going to use for the project. At the last meeting Mr. Johnson mentioned providing Mr. Miller with preliminary construction drawings for the Shiloh Road project. Mr. Miller reviewed these construction drawings and met with Mr. Johnson to discuss some changes. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Dashner to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-34 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$59,668.97. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

**Semi-Annual 2020 Bond Interest & Principal Payment** – Mr. McMurtrie indicated the Authority’s semi-annual 2020 bond interest and principal payment in the amount of \$170,793.13 was presented for approval at the meeting. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the bond payment. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Swanderski to approve the semi-annual 2020 bond interest & principal payment in the amount of \$170,793.13.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.** Mr. Galbraith asked Mrs. Gill to explain the bond payments and how to determine the balance owed. Mrs. Gill provided the Board with an overview of the amortization schedule for the 2020 Bonds.

**Bellefonte Borough Capital Invoice** – Mrs. Gill informed the Board that following the last meeting she received a call from Bellefonte Borough’s finance director inquiring about payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 capital billing for their wastewater treatment plant. Mrs. Gill indicated that she informed Bellefonte Borough’s finance director that our Authority never received a capital billing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021 and we only received an operational and maintenance billing. A capital billing was then submitted and received via email on August 19, 2021. The bill will be referenced on the requisition at our next Authority Board meeting on September 13, 2021.

**GUESTS:**

**John Kostas** – Mr. Kostas informed the Board that he recently spoke with Tom Randis, PA DEP, about biosolids and the PFAS contamination throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. Kostas stated that Mr. Randis made a statement that the Commonwealth is aggressively testing effluent and/or sludge throughout the state for PFAS. Mr. Kostas wanted to make the Board aware because that could be an additional expense to the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant which would also affect our Authority’s expenses.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Miller stated he didn’t have anything to report.

**Tree Removal at Authority Property** - Mr. McDowell indicated he recently saw the maintenance crew working along the ditch line at the Authority office and wanted to know what was being done. Mr. Miller informed the Board that some trees fell into the ballfield and damaged their fence. A tree was also hanging on the light fixtures at the ballfield. We attempted to sell the wood to the Amish, as was done before; however, we were unable to obtain a phone number. Mr. Miller indicated a lift would be rented and several of the dead trees were going to be removed.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sewer Extension Agreement Steeplechase Townhomes II (42 EDUs) - Mr. Miller indicated the developer for Steeplechase Townhomes II in Spring Township is ready to proceed with a mainline sewer extension. Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Sewer Extension Agreement for Steeplechase Townhomes II in the amount of 42 EDUs. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel & Community Relations Committee:** Mr. Hoffman was absent from the meeting.

**Facilities Committee:**

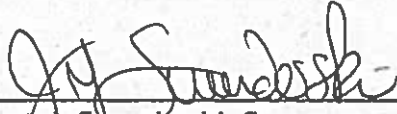
**SBWJA New Facility –**Mr. Book indicated he recently received an update from Larry Walker, KBB, as it relates to Glenn O. Hawbaker (GOH) property possibly available for purchase. There is land along Feidler Road that they would be willing to part with, but Mr. Book stated it's zoned agricultural so it's been dismissed because we can't build there. The land on SR 26 (corner of Harrison Road and East College Avenue) that they may be willing to part with is only 3.5 acres so it's been dismissed as well. Mr. Book indicated GOH is off of the list so Mr. Walker is moving onto other properties.

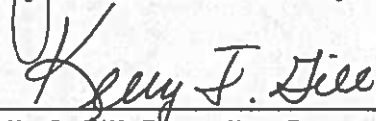
**Financial Committee:** Mr. McMurtrie had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Dashner moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joseph Swanderski, Secretary

  
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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township \_\_\_\_\_  
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