

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Galbraith asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Buchart Horn - We received an email from Doreen Strouse, Civil Designer, of Buchart Horn requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for The Cascade (formerly referred to as the airport property) in Benner Township. The Cascade is located within the Airport Park Subdivision and will consist of 148 apartments and 74 retail spaces. *Buchart Horn was provided with a letter of intent for the proposed project in Benner Township on August 2, 2022.*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-56 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-56 in the amount of \$57,185.56. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-56. **Mr. Kuzemchak moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-56 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$57,185.56. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW REPORT:

Will Barton, Maintenance Crew Leader, provided an overview of the work completed on the sanitary sewer system for the month of July 2022.

In-Home Inspections - There were 28 in-home inspections completed in the month of July.

Sewer Permits and/or Lateral Inspections - Our maintenance department completed twelve (12) sewer lateral inspections. The office staff received seven (7) new sewer permit applications in the amount of 7.00 EDUs for the month of July.

System Maintenance – Mr. Barton indicated the maintenance department pulled several pumps throughout the system and completed routine maintenance on four (4) of our vehicles. The maintenance staff fabricated and installed some hazmat placard holders on two (2) of our service trucks. The placards are magnetic and with the new service truck bodies being made of aluminum, the placards would no longer adhere to the truck body.

Mr. Barton reported concrete barrel sections were added to our valve pits at Pump Station #12 (Airport) and Pump Station #1A (Springfield). This was part of the planned upgrades to Pump Station #12 (Airport) that were included within the 2022 budget. Both of these valve pits are original construction and allowing infiltration and inflow to enter the sewer system through the valve pit then into the wet well.

There were three (3) grinder pump alarms responded to in July. One was caused by grease; another needed a float tree and the last one located at the top of Centre Hall Mountain required the installation of a new pump.

A sewer lateral at the Kim Street Apartments in Mingoville was video inspected at the request of the homeowner due sewer backups occurring repeatedly. It was determined that the cast iron pipe exiting the home was offset prior to entering the trap and needed replaced.

Mr. Barton informed the Board that video work was completed on the underslab plumbing at CPI. CPI will be obtaining funding for a wastewater/water operator program and needed to know the condition of the pipe to determine if additional flow from the program will cause an issue with the existing piping. Two (2) manholes were raised on Dixon Lane for Benner Township's paving projects.

A sewer tap was installed within Spring Creek Road, near the Barns Lane bridge, where a new home is being constructed. The sewer mainline within this area was repaired due to the homeowner's excavator damaging the mainline during the exposure of the line for the tap to be installed. Mr. Barton indicated the repair took most of the day and required the use of all of the maintenance staff. The back shop was cleaned and a leaking frost-free hydrant in the back shop was repaired.

Video Truck/Vactor Truck - Our personnel completed 3,317 feet of video inspection/jetting work for July. This was all completed within the Stonehenge Subdivision.

Benner Township Water Authority – The chlorine feed system located within the Hampton Hills well house was repaired and water samples were collected for analytical testing. The analytical testing consisted of Lead and Copper, Bacteria, Nitrates/Nitrites, Haloacetic Acids and Total Trihalomethanes. There were two (2) PA One Calls located in July.

Call Outs/ PA One Calls – There were seven (7) callouts for the month of July. Five (5) of the callouts were for pump fails at Pump Station #6/#6A (Rockview/Forestry). There was one (1) call out for the Benner Township Water Authority for the chlorine feed system within the Hampton Hills well house not functioning properly. There was also one (1) call out for a grinder pump alarm on Bergamot Way in the Opequon Subdivision. Mr. Barton ended the report with a total of 113 PA One Calls being located in July.

Centre County Grange Fair (Pump Station Rebuild) – Mr. Galbraith asked Mr. Barton for an update on the status of the Centre County Grange Fair pump station rebuild project. Mr. Barton stated the pump station is up and running, but we still need to replace two or three floats. Mr. Barton stated that when upgrades were previously made to the pump station, the floats did not operate the pump station as it should. Mr. Barton indicated some wide-angled and narrow-angled float switches should make everything function properly.

Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any other questions for Mr. Barton.

In-Home Sewer Inspections – Mr. Houser asked if the in-home inspections being completed were just part of the normal process. Mr. Barton stated most of the inspections are follow-up inspections due to properties transferring ownership, but some are for new construction as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Miller was excused from the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Environmental Hearing Board – The transcripts of the June hearing were completed and Mr. Stocker's findings of fact and conclusions of law are due today. The Authority will then be given 30 days to respond to Ms. Lines' motions. After our 30 days Mr. Stocker will have an additional 15 days for rebuttal.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension – Mr. Johnson stated the staff at Gwin, Dobson and Foreman (GD&F) continues to work on the design of the Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension project. As a follow-up to the meeting that was held last month with the PA DEP regarding permitting, GD&F was on-site looking at stream issues through the Big Hollow, pump station sites and also the stormwater pond near the University Park Airport.

Township Act 537 Plans – Mr. Johnson indicated he has started his review of the Township Act 537 Plans as authorized during the last board meeting and will be working with Mr. Miller to clarify some questions throughout the process.

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

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business presented for discussion.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Executive Director was excused from the meeting so there were no questions to ask of him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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


Facilities Committee: Mr. Houser had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. McMurtrie had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser, Jr., Assistant Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____