

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Toby Dashner Joseph Galbraith Christie McMurtrie
	Benner	Dan Hoffman Willis Houser, Jr.
	Walker	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

GUESTS: None present.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Will Barton, Tasha Dutton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 9, 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. Book and Mr. Heny 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 and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the July 26, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Dashner to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Keller Engineers, Inc. – We received an email from Michael Pratt of Keller Engineers, Inc. requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for the Centre County Airport Authority lawn mowing and snow removal equipment storage building in Benner Township. The total number of EDUs for this project is 3.50 EDUs. Mr. Pratt was provided with a letter of intent for 3.50 EDUs for the new equipment storage building at the Centre County Airport Authority on August 2, 2021.

Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. - We received an email from John Sepp of Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for Happy Valley Blended Products for lot #6 in the Benner Commerce Park in Benner Township. The total number of EDUs required for this project is 1.24 EDUs. Mr. Sepp was provided with a letter of intent for 1.24 EDUs for Happy Valley Blended Products (Benner Commerce Park lot #6) on July 29, 2021.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-33 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-33 in the amount of \$327,059.39. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2020-33. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Swanderski to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-33 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$327,059.39.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 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 2021.

In-Home Inspections - There were 33 in-home inspections completed in the month of July. Mr. Barton stated there were four (4) violations noted and some corrections are still pending.

Sewer Permits and/or Lateral Inspections - Our maintenance department completed a partial sewer lateral inspection at 435 Gregory Lane due to a trap repair identified during an in-home inspection. The office staff received seven (7) new sewer permit applications in the amount of 7.00 EDUs for the month of July.

System Maintenance – The maintenance staff read the meter pits throughout the system and noted a problem with the Spring Creek meter pit due to flows being up 50,000 gallons. It was determined that Culligan (Penn Eagle Industrial Park) had a valve that was stuck on their backwash system, which caused the additional flow to our Spring Creek meter pit.

We prepared the driveway at Pump Station #11 (Jenny Gap) for paving and also patched three (3) additional areas with pavement due to recent mainline repairs. Our staff re-terminated two (2) push camera reels and installed a pressure reducing valve at Pump Station #9 (Penn Eagle). All floats and level sensors were cleaned and calibrated at all of the pump stations. The chlorine regulators and filters were replaced at all the suction lift pump stations and our staff repaired the rotator assemblies on two (2) pumps at Pump Station #6 (Rockview).

There were two (2) homeowners that called the office regarding sewer backups and one (1) homeowner inquired about a grinder pump alarm. Mr. Barton stated all problems were corrected. Our staff also met with the property owner of 124 Lower Gyp Road to discuss our sewer lateral installation requirements due to a new home being constructed.

Benner Township Water Authority –The water tank rehabilitation work was completed and the monthly analytical testing was performed. An hour meter was replaced at Grove Park and a pressure gauge was installed at Hampton Hills. There were ten PA One Calls located in July on the water system.

Vector Truck - Our personnel used the Vac truck to jet multiple sewer mainlines for the Port Matilda Borough Authority and assisted with a blockage at the Evergreen Farms.

Sewer Extensions – Our staff has continued sewer mainline inspections at the Logan Greene subdivision and the Village of Nittany Glen Phase 4. Mr. Barton indicated inspections are being completed periodically for the new pump station at the Village of Nittany Glen. To date, the blocks have been laid and the floorboards are installed at Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen). The roof trusses are scheduled to be installed this week. The developer noted that Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) will be completed in six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

Call Outs/ PA One Calls – There were four (4) callouts for the month of July. Mr. Barton indicated two (2) of the callouts were to reset pumps at Pump Station #6 (Rockview) due to thunder storms. We also had a callout to Pump Station #5 (Mingoville) and Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge). Mr. Barton ended the report with a total of 122 PA One Calls being located in July.

Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) Blower – Mr. Barton stated that the installation of the aeration system started today at Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge). There is currently a two (2) week waiting period for additional parts from L/B Water.

Pump Station #11 (Jenny Gap) – The representative from Craig Fencing, Inc. has recently informed Mr. Barton that the fence installation for Pump Station #11 (Jenny Gap) is scheduled for the end of August. It was also noted that Keystone Engineering is still waiting for components to complete the work to our SCADA system.

Maintenance Laborer Position – Mr. Barton informed the Board that a job offer was extended to a gentleman for a maintenance laborer position and that he will begin employment with the Authority on August 23, 2021.

Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) – Mr. Miller indicated David Palmer, Berks Homes, has recently contacted him about an issue they are having with obtaining a generator and transfer switch for Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen). The delivery of the equipment may be delayed until February of 2022. This transfer switch will allow the pump station to draw electricity from a generator instead of the power company in emergency situations. Berks Homes is asking how they may proceed with obtaining sewer permits due to new homes being constructed and the need to be connected to public sewer. Mr. Miller did not see a problem with allowing the developer to obtain sewer permits and connect the new homes to the public sewer as long as the pump station was operational and there was a backup plan to have the wet well pumped out if the pump station would be without power for an extended period. The Authority could use our vac truck to assist in emptying the wet well or bypass pump the flows to a gravity manhole and we could then invoice the developer for the services. Mr. Swanderski asked how quickly we would need to respond to this situation and Mr. Miller stated we could possibly wait 24 hours due to the size of the wet well and the number of homes connected to the sewer in that area. Mr.

Houser asked if the SCADA system would be functioning before would we would agree to provide this service and Mr. Miller stated it would need to be operational prior to allowing connections.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Employee Appreciation Recommendation – Mr. Miller took a moment to thank the Board for the Employee Appreciation Day they approved. All the employees enjoyed the afternoon.

SR64/SR550 Project – Mr. Swanderski asked if we would be involved with the SR64/SR550 Project. There will be elevation adjustments made to several of our manholes during this project, which will be minimal. Mr. Miller indicated there is also a portion of privately owned sewer main that may require elevation adjustments to the manholes as a result of the intersection work. This privately owned sewer main runs from the corner of the old Fellowship Hall property on Zion Road through Miles Clevestine's fields along SR550 to the "Y" in Zion and was never connected to our system or dedicated to us. It was also noted that if this piece of property does develop in the future that the owner will be required to have testing completed to the private line prior to dedication and connecting to our system. Mr. Miller mentioned there are several of our manholes that are less than 4' deep that will benefit from this project because they will receive additional backfill. The anticipated date of completion for this project is fall of 2022.

RV/Camper Septic Dumping – Mr. Houser stated the Authority does not allow campers to dump their black water into our sanitary sewer system and wanted to know how the proposed campground in Benner Township will be permitted to dump their waste into our system. Mr. Miller stated that it may be due to the campers being directly connected to the sanitary sewer system and not dumping hauled waste into the system. It was also stated that the campground will need to obtain approval from Bellefonte Borough for the treatment of the flow.

212 Weaver Hill Road – Mr. Galbraith stated that he attended the Spring Township Supervisor's meeting on August 9, 2021 and they had discussed the property at 212 Weaver Hill Road not being required to connect to public sewer and he was wondering what this was about. Mrs. Gill explained the Authority had received a Pennsylvania One Call for 212 Weaver Hill Road and the ticket had stated the type of work being completed was "installation of a septic system". This Pennsylvania One Call prompted Mrs. Gill to contact Spring Township's zoning office, Vaughn Zimmerman, and the property owner to question why they were not connecting to public sewer that is located along Weaver Hill Road. The property owner indicated there was previously a home located on this property that was destroyed by a house fire in 2002. The property owner indicated the township's sewage enforcement officer, Chuck Herr, was allowing them to use the existing on-lot system for their newly constructed home. Mrs. Gill then made contact with Mr. Zimmerman about whether or not future homes in the area will be required to

connect to public sewer and it was portrayed to her that the township would not force a connection in that area. There had been discussions at the township that SBWJA may not have adequate capacity in this mainline for future connections; therefore, Mrs. Gill explained our Authority would have adequate sewer capacity to serve this home and others in the future if needed. Mr. Miller reminded everyone that Spring Township's mandatory connection ordinance states "The owner of any improved property which is located in this Township and is adjoining and adjacent to the sewer system shall connect such improved property to the sewer system". Mr. Miller further stated it would have been in the best interest of the community to have tested private wells in this area before issuing an on-lot permit due to the close proximity to the Feidler Road area which has a significant high nitrate level in the ground water.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Mix had nothing to discuss.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension – Mr. Johnson recently provided Mr. Miller with the preliminary construction drawings of the Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension, which displays the property owners, contours and the exact routing of the sewer mainline for his review and comments.

Mr. Johnson indicated a video conference took place today with Penn State regarding the airport crossing and he feels that it went well. It was noted that Penn State had provided Mr. Johnson with a conceptual plan for an expansion at the airport after the video conference and they would like the Authority to take these plans into consideration when extending sewer service. Penn State asked that the Authority review our existing easements to see if there was a possibility the Authority could install the new mainline within the existing easement. Mr. Johnson will construct a more detailed plan that references our existing easements and reflects our conceptual work so it may be discussed at a follow-up meeting in more detail.

The airport informed Mr. Johnson and Mr. Miller that all excess materials not put back in the ground during excavation must not leave the work site due to the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation that was completed in the surrounding area. Mr. Miller stated that he believes this was a directive from PA DEP.

Mr. Johnson noted there will be a Vaughan Pump demonstration at the SBWJA shop tomorrow to discuss a new style pump that could be used at two (2) of the pump stations in the Shiloh Road project.

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: Mr. Hoffman had nothing to report.

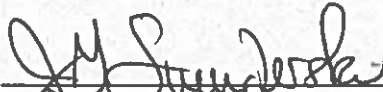
Facilities Committee: Mr. Book was absent from the meeting. Mr. Dashner and Mr. Houser had nothing to report. Mr. McDowell asked if there was any clarification on the location of Hawbaker's parcel of land. Mr. Houser stated that Mr. Book is still waiting for more information from Hawbaker's.

Financial Committee: Mr. Heny was absent from the meeting. Mr. McMurtrie had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Dashner moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Swanderski, Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

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