

**SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 14, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

<b>Spring</b>	Toby Dashner Joseph Galbraith Christie McMurtrie Richard Kuzemchak
<b>Benner</b>	Dan Hoffman Willis Houser, Jr.
<b>Walker</b>	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 February 14, 2022, 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 eight members present. Mr. Book was 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 January 24, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Dashner asked Mr. Galbraith who Spring Township Supervisors announced as his replacement. Mr. Galbraith stated the person that he thought was going to be appointed to the Board did not submit a letter of interest; therefore, they were not appointed. Mr. Galbraith stated the interested party would be submitting a letter of interest. It was noted that an additional individual submitted a letter of interest; therefore, the Supervisors may have two (2) candidates to choose from. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Ronald & Krista White/595 Zion Back Road – We received a letter from Ronald & Krista White of 595 Zion Back Road expressing their dissatisfaction with the invoice they received from SBWJA for their private grinder pump. Our maintenance department repaired the White's grinder pump on Saturday, January 22, 2022 and they were invoiced \$505.00 for parts and labor. Mr. and Mrs. White are requesting the SBWJA Board consider reducing the amount of labor being charged for the weekend call out.**

Mr. Miller took a moment to review the SBWJA Personnel Rules and Regulations regarding weekend call outs to explain how the invoice to the White's was calculated. It was noted that weekend call out hours will be Friday 3:30 p.m. thru Monday 7:00 a.m. and that weekend call out hours paid will be a minimum of four (4) hours. A minimum of one hour must be worked to qualify for the weekend call out pay of 4 hours; otherwise, the employee will be compensated for only 2 hours.

At the time the control panel of the grinder pump was installed at 595 Zion Back Road, our maintenance staff noted that it was not to the suggested elevation; however, we could not require the homeowners to make modifications due to it being a private grinder. Our maintenance department had requested the control panel be raised to four (4) feet due to easier access of the control panel; however, Mr. White insisted the height of the control panel be one (1) foot off the ground due to its aesthetics. On several occasions our staff has replaced faulty contactors, which is due to moisture entering the control panel as it is located too close to the ground. Mr. McDowell asked if the faulty contactors are an issue throughout our system. Mr. Miller indicated there is one (1) additional property which is

also a privately owned grinder pump on our system with this issue and its control panel is located in a similar location.

Mr. Houser asked if the pipe coming back from the wet well, which enters the bottom of the control box was sealed because this could also be contributing to the moisture. Mr. Barton was not sure if the pipe was sealed, but will look into it.

Mr. Swanderski asked if the White's have the option to call another contractor to work on their grinder pump. Mr. Miller stated they are permitted to call someone else because it is a private grinder.

The Board discussed the matter further and feel the invoice is fair due to this being a weekend call out; therefore, the invoice will stand.

**Patrick R. Burns 101 Valley View Road Subdivision** - We received an email from Stephen W. Norfolk, Surveyor, requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service to Lot #2 of the Patrick R. Burns Subdivision at 101 Valley View Road in Spring Township. The Subdivision will be for 1.00 EDU. *Mr. Norfolk was provided with a letter of intent for 1.00 EDU for the proposed subdivision at 101 Valley View Road on February 9, 2022.*

**Bellefonte Borough** – We received a letter from Franklin K. Noll, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, regarding the amendments to Bellefonte Borough's Pretreatment regulations that were recently approved at a Borough Authority meeting. Mr. Noll is requesting the SBWJA to officially approve the amendments to Bellefonte Borough Authority's pretreatment local limits in the form of a resolution. Mr. Miller indicated the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) enacts a new set of local limits every five (5) years.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-449** – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-44 in the amount of \$90,018.78. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2020-44. Mr. Galbraith asked if the Boring Court Reporting, Inc. invoice in the amount of \$220.50 will be added to the expenses associated with litigation. Mr. Miller indicated it would be included. Mr. Galbraith also asked what the swivel joint from A & H Equipment Company was for. Mr. Miller indicated it was a part of the hose reel on the vac truck.

With no further questions, **Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-44 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$90,018.78. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 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 January 2022.

**In-Home Inspections** - There were 20 in-home inspections completed in the month of January. Mr. Barton stated there were two (2) violations identified during the in-home inspection process. The one (1) sewer lateral had an issue with the trap and the second lateral had a break between the trap and the house. Mr. Barton indicated both issues have been repaired.

**Sewer Permits and/or Lateral Inspections** - Our maintenance department completed 15 sewer lateral inspections. The office staff received 9 new sewer permit applications in the amount of 9.00 EDUs for the month of January.

**System Maintenance** – We met with the property owner of a vacant lot on 205 Middle Street to discuss the depth of the sewer and the best location for a tap. Our maintenance staff assisted with a sewer back-up at 480 Millgate Road and responded to a grinder alarm at 122 Harnish Lane.

The maintenance staff collected inverts from two (2) manholes on Valley View Road for a contractor, to provide a quote for the installation of a new sewer lateral. We hauled scrap metal to McGhee Scrap Company and completed our annual inventory of supplies. The level control sensor was repaired at Pump Station #14 (Litke) and we installed a refurbished radio at Pump Station #4 (Pleasant View).

Our staff inspected the grease trap at Weis Markets, we repaired our snow blower, installed a tension pulley on our video truck and repaired one (1) of our push cameras. The radiator from the generator at Pump Station #5 (Mingoville) was removed and rebuilt due to a leak.

The maintenance staff repaired an air release valve on Deer Creek Lane and on the Rockview force main next to Nature's Cover on the Benner Pike. We pulled both pumps at Beaver Farm Apartments due to high run times and cut down the ornamental grass at the office. Our personnel took some time to refresh their knowledge of the components and use of chlorine leak emergency kits and SCBA units.

The valves were exercised and level control sensors were cleaned at all of the pump stations. Our maintenance department started the yearly cleaning of the pump stations.

**Sewer Extensions** – We continue sewer mainline inspections at Logan Greene. Our staff met with surveyors at Deerhaven Phase 2B to obtain inverts of manholes, which were needed for the as-built drawings. We reviewed and approved the as-builts for Deerhaven Phase 2B, Steeplechase Townhomes II and the Crosswinds Parking Lot extension. Mr. Barton also reported the mainline inspections for the Benner Pike Shopping Center commenced today.

**Call Outs/ PA One Calls** – There were three (3) callouts for the month of January. A water leak was detected on the wye strainer at the Grove Park well house. There were grinder alarms at the PA Fish Commission on 1150 Spring Creek Road and at 595 Zion Back Road. Mr. Barton reported a total of 54 PA One Calls being located in January.

**Benner Township Water Authority** – We repaired a water leak at the Grove Park well house and completed the annual inventory. Our staff obtained bacteria, nitrite and nitrate samples. The snow was removed from the access of the new well site off of Raymonds Lane and we rebuilt the chlorine systems at both water systems. There was one (1) PA One Call located in January on the water system.

**Commercial Driver's License (CDL)** – Mr. Barton stated that our two (2) newest employees obtained their CDLs and that an additional employee is scheduled for his driving test on February 25, 2022.

**Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) Generator** – The generator for Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) was to arrive in March of 2022; however, that has been pushed back to May of 2022. Mr. Miller stated the pump station is working properly and he does not foresee any future problems. There should be no issues with flows if there is a power outage due to the storage capacity of the wet well.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Environmental Hearing Board** – Mr. Mix stated the depositions for Mr. Stocker's appeal are finished and the next step will be the pretrial motions that will need to be filed before March 22, 2022. Once the Court reviews the pretrial motions a pretrial conference will be scheduled and then a hearing date will be set.

**Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant Project** – Mr. Mix informed the Board that G.M. McCrossin and Bellefonte Borough Authority's lawsuit has been settled and Bellefonte Borough Authority's contribution will be \$10,000. Mr. Galbraith asked if the \$10,000 would include attorney's fees. Mr. Mix stated the attorney's fees are not included in the amount of the settlement.

#### **ENGINEER' S REPORT:**

**Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension** – Gwin Dobson and Foreman are 98% complete with the construction drawings for the Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension. Mr. Johnson stated that the next step will be permit submissions for PA DEP, wetlands, stream crossings and PennDOT. Our Authority will also be required to obtain a storm water dam permit due to crossing the spillway on Penn State's ground. The permitting process should take approximately two (2) to three (3) months to complete.

Mr. Johnson indicated the Authority must make a decision on installing submersible pumps or suction lift pumps for this project due to Gwin Dobson and Foreman completing the pump station specifications. Mr. Miller had asked Mr. Johnson to calculate the cost of a suction lift pump station and it was determined to be approximately \$1,000,000 for each pump station along with an additional \$52,000 in design fees. The submersible pump station was quoted at \$300,000 per pump station; therefore, an upgrade to a suction lift pump station could add an additional \$1,500,000 to the project.

Mr. Johnson also discussed areas of the project that will be affected by the flood plans and the need for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study being completed which will add to the cost of the project.

Mr. McDowell stated that a vote will be taken at the February 28, 2022 meeting to determine if submersible pump stations or suction lift pump stations will be installed with the Shiloh Road Area Sewer Extension. Mr. McDowell asked when the Authority could possibly put the project out for bid if the Stocker's appeal is settled. Mr. Johnson anticipates the project being ready for bid by the end of this year or the beginning of 2023. Mr. McDowell also asked what the total cost of the project could be with the suction lift pump stations. Mr. Johnson estimated the cost of the project to be \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Mr. Johnson indicated he may need to discuss additional engineering fees with the Board due to the multiple hurdles and length of time spent on this project.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that Steve Gibson is currently working on our Chapter 94 Report and will have it completed before our February 28, 2022 meeting.



**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Updated Signature Card** – The updated signature card for the Jersey Shore State Bank Account was executed by the designated officers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SBWJA Resolution #2022 -01 (Pretreatment Amendments)** – Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve SBWJA Resolution #2022-01 Pretreatment Amendments as presented and made a part of these official meeting minutes. 8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 absent. The motion carried.

**Logan Greene Phase 1A, Section 2 (23 EDUs)** – Mr. Miller stated that Logan Greene Phase 1A, Section 2 in the amount of 23 EDUs has met all our requirements and is ready for approval. Mr. Houser moved, seconded by Mr. Dashner to approve the Agreement of Dedication for the Logan Greene Phase 1A, Section 2 in the amount of 23 EDUs. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

**Deerhaven Phase 2B (17 EDUs)** – Mr. Miller stated that Deerhaven Phase 2B in the amount of 17 EDUs has met all our requirements and is ready for approval. Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the Agreement of Dedication for the Deerhaven Phase 2B in the amount of 17 EDUs. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** There were no questions asked of the Executive Director.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

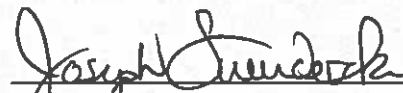
**Facilities Committee:** Mr. Houser spoke to Mr. Walker on February 9, 2022 and at that time the Witherite family has not made an agreement to sell their property to a local business.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Dashner moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.  
8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joseph Swanderski, Secretary

  
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Tasha L. Duffon, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Spring Township \_\_\_\_\_ } 3/1/2022  
Walker Township \_\_\_\_\_ } 210



SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION #2022-01

PRETREATMENT RESOLUTION

Approval by Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority regarding amendments to the Bellefonte Borough Authority's Rules and Regulations pertaining to Pretreatment Local Limits and Surcharge Fees.

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Authority has adopted a Resolution dated February 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, these amendments must also be approved by all Spring, Benner, and Walker Township Supervisors and Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority regarding the amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement for Pretreatment Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Authority Resolution is attached to this Resolution.

WHEREAS, Bellefonte Borough Treatment Plant personnel will continue to enforce the Pretreatment Local Limits and Surcharge Fees as in the past for Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority.

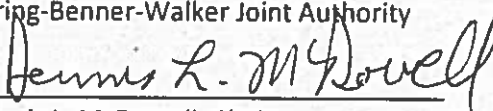
VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION:

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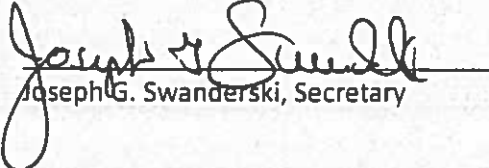
AGAINST 0

It is hereby certified that the within RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority at a regular meeting of the Board held on February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 170 Irish Hollow Road, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania and that the vote on the RESOLUTION was as reported above.

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority

  
Dennis L. McDowell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Joseph G. Swanderski, Secretary

# BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY

236 West Lamb Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 355-1501

## RESOLUTION No. 02012022

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Authority is making revisions to the Pretreatment Local Limits for metallic and other substances that might be discharged from industrial users.

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Authority approved a revised set of local limits at their January 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting and those limits are attached and made a part of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority must also approve a similar Resolution to reflect this amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement for Pretreatment.

WHEREAS, Bellefonte Borough Council and Spring, Benner and Walker Township Supervisors must also approve an amended Ordinance to reflect the revised local limits amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement for Pretreatment.

WHEREAS, the revisions stated herein and attached hereto are dictated by the US EPA to reflect the necessary changes mandated by either Federal laws or Federal regulations.

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant personnel will continue to enforce the Pretreatment Ordinance as in the past for the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bellefonte Borough Authority adopts the aforementioned Resolution.

RESOLVED this 1st day of February, 2022.

  
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Secretary

  
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President, Bellefonte Borough Authority

Bellefonte Wastewater Treatment Plant

Pretreatment Local Limits for Industrial Users

NPDES Permit No. PA 0020486

Pollutant	Monthly Average Limit mg/L	Maximum Daily Limit mg/L	Instantaneous Maximum Limit mg/L
Arsenic	0.0779	0.11685	0.1558
Cadmium	0.169	0.2535	0.338
Chromium	8.0212	12.0318	16.0424
Copper	0.4636	0.6954	0.9272
Cyanide	2.9486	4.4229	5.8972
Lead	1.4711	2.2067	2.9422
Mercury	0.0575	0.0863	0.115
Nickel	2.4956	3.7434	4.9912
Silver	8.0040	12.006	16.008
Zinc	0.0649	0.09735	0.1298
Oil & Grease	100.00	150.00	200.00
Benzene	0.1300	0.1950	0.2600
Ethylbenzene	1.5900	2.3850	3.1800
Toluene	1.3500	2.0250	2.7000
Xylene	232.00	348.00	464.00