## SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

# REGULAR MEETING February 8, 2021

## ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS: Spring Toby Dashner

Joseph Galbraith

Chris McMurtrie

Benner 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 February 8, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. McDowell, Chairman. This meeting was conducted through a video conferencing service, Zoom, due to the COVID-19 epidemic in our area. 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 six members present. Mr. Book, 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.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-21 – Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2020-21. Mr. Houser moved, seconded by Mr. Dashner to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-21 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$83,443.25. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.

### 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 2021.

In-Home Inspections - There were 20 in-home inspections completed in the month of January. Mr. Barton stated there were (2) properties that had HVAC condensate lines connected to the sanitary sewer and there was a standpipe broken underground. The maintenance staff also noted a vent pipe needed raised and they assisted with the repair of a broken check valve flapper in a customer's home.

Sewer Permits and/or Lateral Inspections - Our maintenance department completed nine (9) sewer lateral inspections in January. There was one (1) in The Village of Nittany Glen, one (1) in Forest Heights, two (2) in Stonehenge, two (2) in the Musser Hills Subdivision, one (1) in Steeplechase, one (1) in Springfield Development and one (1) on Lincoln Lane. The office staff received six (6) new sewer permit applications in the amount of 6.00 EDUs and issued the permits.

System Maintenance – The maintenance department continued cleaning pump stations and they performed pump maintenance at Pump Station #5 (Mingoville),

Pump Station #9 (Penn Eagle), Pump Station #14 (Litke) and Pump Station #16 (Benner Commerce). The maintenance shop was cleaned and areas of the shop were painted. The construction of the new water tank for Truck #4 was completed. Drawdowns were completed at all of our pump stations and we installed new block heaters on the generators at Pump Station #8 (Zion Stover) and Pump Station #16 (Benner Commerce).

Our staff rebuilt and installed the rotator assembly at Pump Station #16 (Benner Commerce). A check valve was rebuilt at Pump Station #5 (Mingoville) and the control cabinet and conduit at the Forestry Pump Station was repaired.

Mr. Barton attended a pre-construction meeting at the Sunrise Mobile Park along the Benner Pike to review sewer line repairs that are required within the mobile home park.

We witnessed a pressurized sewer tap repair on Feidler Road. The damage was a result of a local contractor accidently digging up the pressurized sewer line while installing a new sewer lateral. The contractor was invoiced for all repairs.

Benner Township Water Authority – The SBWJA staff replaced wire to a remote water meter reader at 1118-1120 W. College Avenue due to an unsuccessful water reading. The monthly analytical testing was performed and a chlorine pump was rebuilt at the Grove Park well house. Our staff completed the yearly materials inventory and started cleaning the well houses. L/B Water Services assisted our staff with the installation of a hydrant extension at Grove Park. Mr. Barton stated that the service laterals for 151 and 165 Chicory Avenue were replaced due to a water leak. There was a total of four (4) PA One Calls being located in January.

Sewer Extensions – Our staff reviewed the construction drawings for the Logan Greene Subdivision Phase I.

Video Truck – Our personnel completed 1,710 feet of video inspection work along Valley View and 3,139 feet of new main line video inspection work for Centre Hall Potter Sewer Authority for the month of January.

**Vactor Truck** – We jetted 1,710 feet of sewer main line along Valley View for the month of January.

Call Outs/ PA One Calls – There were three (3) callouts for the month of January. A power fail was noted at Pump Station #10 (Valley View Road); therefore, we contacted the utility company and power was restored to the area. The second callout was for a high wet well level at Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) which required the pumps being rebooted and primed to correct the problem. The final callout was for a sewer smell at 177 and 181 Cambium Avenue; however, there were no issues noted during the inspection of the properties. Mr. Barton ended the report with a total of 41 PA One Calls being located in January.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

New SBWJA Facility – The Authority's facilities committee completed a walk-through of the potential tract of land in Spring Township on January 29, 2021. Mr. Dashner commented on the amount of usable land that is available and that the price seems reasonable compared to other parcels of land that were considered. Mr. Houser agreed with Mr. Dashner and also added that there is a lot of potential for the property. Mr. McDowell stated that he was concerned of sink holes being located at the property; however, there were no sink holes noted during the walk-through.

Mr. Dashner asked if Mr. Miller obtained a price to have the tract of land surveyed as this was a concern of the facilities committee during the walk-through. Mr. Miller stated that he did speak with a local surveyor, Alan Uhler, that recently surveyed the adjacent property and he estimated the survey work to cost approximately \$5,000.00.

Mr. Miller suggested the Board start working towards a tentative sales agreement between the two (2) parties if they are interested in purchasing this tract of land. Mr. Mix stated that he could begin a draft sales agreement because the Authority has no legal binding on the property at this time. Mr. Mix suggested he meet with Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnson to discuss the conditions that should be listed on the sales agreement and once a draft agreement is established it could be submitted to the Board for their review.

Musser Hill Subdivision Ordinance — Mr. Miller will be attending a meeting with Spring Township representatives on 2/10/2021 to discuss the proposed ordinance for the Orenco systems within the Musser Hill Subdivision. Mr. Miller stated that he had provided Spring Township with an ordinance for approval; however, it was not executed. The manufacturer, Orenco, recommends local municipalities oversee the maintenance of these systems to ensure the work is completed properly. Mr. Miller reminded the Board that Spring Township signed the planning module that approved the Orenco systems and we simply agreed to assume dedication of the public sewer extension and to accept the flow; therefore, we have no obligations to maintain the private Orenco systems. Mr. Miller stated that he's not sure why Spring Township decided against the approval of the ordinance, but hopes to learn more at the meeting on 2/10/2021.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Johnson had nothing to discuss.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sewer Extension Agreement Logan Greene Phase 1A (99 EDUs) – Mr. Miller indicated the developer for Logan Greene Phase 1A (Former Hartle Property) is ready to proceed with a mainline sewer extension. This extension will tie into the backside of the Penn Eagle Industrial Park near Predator Trucking's lot and our Pump Station #9 (Penn Eagle). Mr. Miller stated this extension is for 99 EDUs and our rules and regulations typically allow 30 EDUs per phase, but this is being constructed at one time. Mr. Miller stated we will require the developer to divide the 99 EDUs into several phases for the issuance of sewer permits once the project is complete. Mr. Dashner moved, seconded by Mr. Galbraith to approve the Sewer Extension Agreement for Logan Greene Phase 1A in the amount of 99 EDUs. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Facilities Committee: Mr. Book was absent from the meeting.

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

## ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeseph Swanderski, Secretary

Pasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township\_

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