

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Spring	Joseph Galbraith Rodney Maney Douglas McKee Christie McMurtrie
Benner	Willis Houser, Jr. William Hughes
Walker	Dennis Brown Dennis McDowell

GUESTS: None present

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andrew Johnson, P.E.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Will Barton, Tasha Dutton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 9, 2023, 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:

Willis Houser, Jr., 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.

PLEGE 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 September 25, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

SBWJA Board Appointment - We received a copy of a letter sent to Doug McKee from the Spring Township Supervisors indicating he has been appointed to serve on the SBWJA Board. Mr. McKee will fill the remainder of Mr. Kuzemchak's term, which will expire on December 31, 2023. Mr. Miller took a moment to welcome Mr. McKee to the SBWJA Board.

Richard Kuzemchak/Joseph Galbraith – We received a copy of a letter that Joseph Galbraith submitted to the Spring Township Supervisors, on behalf of Richard Kuzemchak, indicating Mr. Kuzemchak was resigning from his position on the SBWJA Board. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Galbraith to discuss the correspondence he submitted on behalf of Mr. Kuzemchak. Mr. Galbraith indicated he had submitted a resignation letter for Mr. Kuzemchak due to his health.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-83– Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-83 in the amount of \$69,356.35. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-83. Mr. McDowell asked if the invoice from Hull's Well Drilling, LLC in the amount of \$9,840.00 included the well pump for Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge). Mr. Miller indicated the invoice included everything and that the Authority opted to go with the constant pressure system/variable drive instead of a pressure switch with a pressure tank which did cost more; however, the pump will now maintain constant pressure. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-83 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$69,356.35.** 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 September 2023.

In-Home Inspections - There were 31 in-home inspections completed in the month of September.

Sewer Permits and/or Lateral Inspections - Our maintenance department completed 7 sewer lateral inspections. The office staff received 11 new sewer permit applications in the amount of 11.00 EDUs and issued the permits.

System Maintenance:

We replaced a rotating assembly and a new breaker was installed in the pump control cabinet at Pump Station #6 (Rockview). A 6" X 4" transition was repaired at 137 Noll Street in Pleasant Gap. The sewer lines and grinder tank system at 131 Confer Drive were inspected to verify there were no issues due to the home being destroyed by fire on September 13, 2023.

Our maintenance department completed the upgrades to the wet well at Pump Station #16 (Benner Commerce). The oil leaks were repaired on the generators at Pump Station #2 (Jacksonville), Pump Station #8 (Zion Stover) and Pump Station #5 (Mingoville). Mr. Barton also indicated there was an issue with the water pump on the generator at Pump Station #3 (Musser) which is no longer available to purchase; therefore, the water pump was removed and sent to Houston, Texas to be rebuilt. The construction of the back shop retaining wall was completed.

Video Truck – The Authority staff completed 350 feet of video work to verify there were no issues with the sewer mainline in Springfield Development due to excessive settling on the road surface directly above the mainline. No issues were detected.

Vector Truck –The maintenance department flushed the sewer lateral connected to the grit separator at 121B Musser Lane due to poor visibility of the sewer lateral during a follow-up in-home inspection.

Sewer Extensions – We continued project inspections at the Village of Nittany Glen Phase 7, Deerhaven Phase 3B & Logan Greene Phase 1B. Our staff reviewed construction drawings for ElizabethDale Townhomes on Blanchard Street in Spring Township. The proposed sewer lateral drawing for McDonalds at the Paradise Shopping Center was also reviewed. We visited the Shiloh Road Pump Station locations to complete radio testing to verify there will be adequate radio signal. Mr. Barton stated that radio signal was sufficient. Mr. Miller, Mr. Barton, Ms. Weitzel and two (2) representatives from the PA Game Commission (PAGC) met at Shiloh Road to discuss two (2) potential alignments to serve the future PAGC building.

Benner Township Water Authority – We obtained a final water meter reading at 151-155 Peru Circle and obtained three (3) follow-up meter readings in the Hampton Hills/Grove Park developments. Our staff obtained bacteria samples at both systems and collected two (2) samples for nitrate/nitrite testing. We performed our quarterly blow offs for both systems and read meters in Peru. Mr. Barton completed two (2) Service Line Inventory Surveys and met Keystone Engineering at Hampton Hills and Grove Park wellhouses to discuss the installation of SCADA systems. We also responded to one (1) PA One Call in September.

Call Outs/ PA One Calls – There were two (2) call outs for the month of September. We received a Pump #1 fail at Pump Station #4 (Pleasant View) and a grinder pump alarm at 137 Bergamot Way due to heavy grease on the floats. Mr. Barton ended the report with a total of 95 PA One Calls being located in September.

Retaining Wall Project (Parking Lot) – Mr. Barton indicated the office parking lot is scheduled to be paved on Friday, October 13, 2023.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pump Station #8 (Zion Stover) Upgrades –The maintenance department has noted the generator at Pump Station #8 (Zion Stover) is in very poor condition and will need to be replaced. Mr. Miller stated that he has been waiting for Graymont to connect their facility to public sewer so they may assist financially with the upgrades to Pump Station #8 (Zion Stover). It was noted that Graymont has been reserving sewer capacity for 20+ years. Mr. Miller recommended the Authority plan to upgrade the pump station within the next three (3) to five (5) years. The current generator pad and control pad could be utilized at the time of upgrades; however, a new wet well would need to be excavated and the current wet well and dry well would need to be abandoned.

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension/Extension to PA Game Commission Property – Mr. Miller feels the sewer alignment to serve the new PA Game Commission (PAGC) facility has been decided upon and he feels it is the best path. The PAGC will now require Penn State University (PSU) to relinquish their right-of-way. Mr. Miller feels that we may want to consider obtaining a new contact from PSU to discuss the right-of-way due to the current contact's experience. Mr. Hughes will provide Mr. Miller with a new contact from PSU's Office of Physical Plant. The suggested alignment would extend the force main but shorten the Authority's gravity line by approximately 400 to 500 feet.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project – Gwin, Dobson & Foreman is currently on hold with the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project until the PAGC obtains a right-of-way from PSU. Mr. Johnson indicated the next step would involve the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) making a ruling to determine if a Phase I Archaeological Survey is required.

Walker Township Act 537 Plan Update – Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Miller attended Walker Township's Supervisors meeting on October 4, 2023 to determine when the Supervisors may be available to meet with PA DEP to discuss the Act 537 Plan Update. Mr. Miller indicated the Supervisors are to reach out to him later this week with a few dates that would work for them.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Work Session – Mr. McDowell announced a Work Session will be held on October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss health insurance with Mrs. Gill. This will be prior to the Regular Meeting of the SBWJA Board. Mr. McDowell requested the entire Board be present.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021- The Walker Township Supervisor's made an announcement, at their October 4, 2023 meeting, indicating SBWJA would be granted \$45,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Mr. McDowell stated the funds

will need to be utilized before the end of 2024 and he is not sure what the purchasing guidelines are at this time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

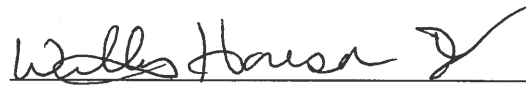
Facilities Committee: Mr. Houser had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. McMurtrie had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser Jr., Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____