

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

November 27, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Joseph Galbraith Rodney Maney Douglas McKee
	Benner	Brian Book Willis Houser, Jr. William Hughes
	Walker	Dennis Brown Dennis McDowell

GUESTS: Natalie Leslie, Justin Segal & Georgianna Sutherland

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Will Barton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 27, 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. McMurtrie 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, Employees and Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McDowell reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 10/31/2023. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-86-- Mr. McDowell presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-86 in the amount of \$57,622.29 and asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-86. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-86 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$57,622.29.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests wishing to address the Board.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW:

Mr. McDowell asked Mr. Barton if he had anything to report and Mr. Barton stated no, he did not. Mr. Miller then asked Mr. Barton to update the Authority Board on the status of the issues surrounding the programmable logical controller (PLC) at Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge).

Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) – Mr. Barton informed the Board that the purchase of a new PLC and associated programming was approved at the last meeting; however, the order has not been placed. After the last meeting, Mr. Barton spoke with Radwell who has been troubleshooting/repairing our current PLC. After trying to gain a better understanding of what the issues surrounding the PLC are, the technician from Radwell has indicated there is some additional programming that they will try.

Mr. Barton stated that he spoke with Radwell just prior to this evening's meeting and the technician indicated they were unable to find any issues with the PLC or replicate the faults we were receiving. Radwell is not convinced that the issue is with the PLC. They are shipping the PLC to us today and would like it reinstalled to see if we receive any further faults. If any faults are received, as a process of elimination, they would then like to ship us a new PLC with our existing programming uploaded to see if any faults occur. This would verify whether or not the PLC was causing the issue.

Through previous discussions with our consulting engineer, it was noted that a possible cause of the issue could be due to variable voltages in the power lines serving the pump station. Mr. Miller indicated Pump Station #7 (Zion Ridge) is tapped off of the same power line that feeds the Curtin Gap Quarry directly. It has been recommended that we install line reactors on the VFD and uninterruptible power supply (UPS), ahead of the PLC in the cabinet. Mr. Barton indicated we do have surge protection in the cabinet already and a piece of equipment on the main coming into the pump station. Mr. Miller stated we are also going to install a UPS ahead of the PLC to absorb the shock of the electric variability.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project:

Extension to PA Game Commission Property – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the alignment for the PA Game Commission's proposed facility is in place and pending PSU approval for the right-of-way. Once the approval occurs, the next step would involve moving forward with having the Phase I Archaeological Survey completed by Heberling Associates, commencing with right-of-way acquisitions, submission of the planning module and the permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Mr. McDowell asked if there have been any updates on the American Rescue Plan grant funds that the Walker Township Supervisors will be granting to our Authority. Mrs. Gill stated Sue Wagner, Walker Township Secretary, recently contacted her indicating the Township was working on the requirements for issuing the monies to our Authority and she would follow-up once she had more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement of Dedication -Logan Greene Phase 1B (26.00 EDUs) – Mr. Miller indicated Logan Greene Phase 1B in the amount of 26.00 EDUs has met all of our requirements and is ready for approval. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Galbraith to approve the Agreement of Dedication for Logan Greene Phase 1B in the amount of 26.00 EDUs. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Agreement of Dedication Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) – Mr. Miller indicated the developer has met all of our requirements and is now ready to dedicate Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen) to our Authority. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Agreement of Dedication for Pump Station #18 (Village of Nittany Glen).** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

QUESTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

1231 Valley View Road – Mr. Galbraith referenced a letter in the board packets that was issued for 1231 Valley View Road and asked if we would encounter any issues with proceeding with a sheriff sale on a property with a Trust. Mr. Galbraith then asked if anyone was residing within the home. Mr. Miller indicated the property has been vacant.

Mrs. Gill indicated the property was foreclosed by the bank earlier this year and at that time we received payment for all outstanding municipal liens. Once the bank took ownership, we have been unable to communicate with anyone about the delinquent sewer bills that have accumulated since then so we had to file a municipal lien. Mrs. Gill indicated this is a common occurrence after a bank foreclosure; however, we will eventually be contacted when they have a buyer for the property and a closing date is scheduled. Mrs. Gill also indicated that another property on our sewer system was foreclosed by the same bank and that account is also delinquent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. McDowell recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss personnel (wages). Mr. McDowell asked the employees and guests to leave the meeting for the evening. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

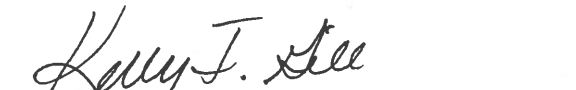
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser, Jr., Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____