

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: None present

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Michael Levandoski, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Melissa White

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Joseph Galbraith, Chairman. Mr. Galbraith 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. Hughes was excused from the meeting. Mr. Galbraith, 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. Galbraith, Chairman, led the Board members, Professional Services, and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Galbraith asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – Mr. Galbraith asked the Board to consider amending the agenda to address the correspondence received from the PA DEP as it relates to a Consent Order and Agreement (COA) for the Village of Peru water system and the preparation of Resolution 2026-01 by the Authority's solicitor. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to amend the agenda to allow for consideration of correspondence received from the PA DEP and Resolution 2026-01 pertaining to the COA received for the Village of Peru water system.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

PA DEP – We recently received a COA from PA DEP as it relates to properly permitting the Village of Peru as a consecutive water system in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. PA DEP is also requiring a resolution from Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (Authority), which will authorize its signatories to execute the COA on behalf of the Authority. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2026-01 which authorizes the Executive Director and Chairman to execute the COA proposed by the PA DEP for Public Water System ID#4140135 as presented and made a part of these official meeting minutes.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Keller Engineers - We received a letter from Haylee Bearer, Keller Engineers, requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for new cottages at the Oaks Lutheran Retirement Community located in Spring Township. The proposed expansion will require 17 EDUs. *Ms. Bearer was provided with a letter of intent in the amount of 17.00 EDUs for the proposed expansion in Spring Township on January 16, 2026.*

PA DEP – We received notification from PA DEP indicating our public water supply permit application for the existing Village of Peru Public Water System is administratively complete and is accepted for a technical review.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McMurtrie reviewed the financial reports for the sewer fund for the period ending 12/31/2025. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.** Mr. Book asked if there would be a Treasurer's Report for the water fund and Mrs. Gill indicated that one would be forthcoming once all of the accounts are established from the transfer of assets.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-136 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-136 in the amount of \$80,212.23. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-136. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-136 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$80,212.23. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Bills by Vendor – Water Fund- Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve Bills by Vendor for the Water Fund in the amount of \$2,231.51 as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: There was no discussion held about items outlined in the Executive Director's Report or the 2025 System Overview Summary.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement of Dedication – Harvest Meadows Phase 2 (35 EDUs) - Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Agreement of Dedication for Harvest Meadows Phase 2 (35 EDUs). 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Agreement of Dedication – Village of Nittany Glen, Phase 3A (24 EDUs) - Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Agreement of Dedication for Village of Nittany Glen, Phase 3A (24 EDUs). 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 4:13 p.m. to discuss real estate. The meeting reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – Mr. Galbraith asked the Board to consider amending the agenda to address negotiated right-of-way agreements recently received from Pennsylvania State University (PSU) for the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to amend the agenda to address the right-of-way agreements with the PSU, as it relates to the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project – PSU Right-of-Way Agreements – The Authority has been working cohesively with PSU to finalize the right-of-way agreements associated with the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project which were received just prior to the meeting. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the negotiated right-of way agreements with PSU in the total amount of \$130,400 as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**


COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS –

Mr. Galbraith asked the Board to consider removing the committees from the meeting agendas and our structure. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Houser to remove the committee appointments/reports from the meeting agendas and structure recognizing the Chairman can create a committee on an ad hoc basis in the future. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser, Jr. Secretary



Melissa White, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONCERNING A CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority ("Authority") is charged with providing public Sewer Service and Water Service to portions of its incorporating municipalities under the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act ("Act");

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") issued a letter dated January 13, 2026, requesting the Authority execute a certain Consent Order and Agreement a DEP number PWSID 4140135 concerning the water system formerly operated by the Benner Township Water Authority and now operated by the Authority for the Village of Peru in Centre County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to enter into such Consent Order and Agreement and authorize certain individuals to execute the said document on the Authority's behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the board of Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority the following:

Section 1. Agreement

The Authority hereby authorizes and directs Will L. Barton, as Executive Director of the Authority, and Joseph D. Galbraith, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Authority, to execute the Consent Order and Agreement proposed by DEP in its letter of January 13, 2026, at number PWSID 4140135 as an agreement of the Authority.

Section 2. Repealer

All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be and are hereby, repealed.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

DULY ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2026, by the Board of Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority, Centre County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session, duly assembled.

Attest:

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT
AUTHORITY

By: Wally Brown I
Secretary

By: Josh I. Albright
Chairman

(Seal)