

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 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.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Steven Gibson, P.E. & Brian Shura, P.E.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Tasha Dutton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 9, 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 February 23, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kathy Evey/Right-to-Know Request – We received a Right-to-Know Request from Kathy Evey of 604 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte on March 5, 2026 requesting a copy of Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority's policy or guidelines pertaining to employee healthcare. *The requested information was provided to Mrs. Evey on March 6, 2026.*

PA Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) – We received a letter from Douglas Bilheimer, Executive Director of PMAA, announcing a new partnership offering additional health insurance and retirement plan options to members of the PMAA. Members are encouraged to review these programs, which include coverage through Aetna and retirement plans through Summit Financial and Nationwide. The letter also recommends contacting the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) for more information.

Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. – We received a letter from Sherry Harim, PA One Call System, indicating the Benner Township Water Authority's (BTWA) membership with the PA One Call System was cancelled effective February 4, 2026. The letter also indicated SBWJA acquired BTWA's water lines.

PA DEP – The PA DEP has issued a construction permit for the Village of Peru public water system. This includes the existing interconnection with SCI Rockview, the existing distribution system and construction of a metering vault and sampling station.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-139 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-139 in the amount of \$48,042.02. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-139. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-139 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$48,042.02.** 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 \$243.99 as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

System Overview – The System Overview was made a part of these official meeting minutes.

Rockview EQ Basin Rehabilitation – Gwin Dobson & Foreman reviewed several products which are available to refurbish the EQ Basin at our Rockview Pump Station. Mr. Gibson indicated there were many comparable products; however, he would recommend the OBIC 1000. It was noted this product is used for manhole rehabilitation and that it is the most cost effective. Mr. Gibson stated OBIC has a 10-year manufacturer warranty and a 50-year design life.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project – Condemnation of Properties (Shindy Property) – Mr. Shindy's 30 days to file a preliminary objection to the Declaration of Taking has expired; therefore, Mr. Levandoski sent Mr. Shindy a final offer as the Authority did with the other condemnations from last year. Mr. Levandoski stated the Authority now has access to Mr. Shindy's property when needed and that Mr. Shindy has six (6) years to challenge our offer.

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project – Condemnation of Remaining Properties – Mr. Levandoski stated Spinazzola, Tabaka and Dawson's (Flowage Easement) condemnations have been filed and he is currently waiting for notification from the Sheriff's office they've been served.

WASTEWATER ENGINEER' S REPORT:

Annual Chapter 94 Report – Mr. Gibson presented the Board with the annual Chapter 94 Report for 2025 and referenced some key points. In 2025, the peak three-month hydraulic loading to the system was 785,838 gpd, which did not include Rockview. The Authority's ratio of peak three-month flow to annual average flow for 2025 was 1.06, which is an indication of a tight system with very little inflow and/or infiltration.

The number of EDUs billed by the Authority increased from 7,582 in 2024 to 7,838 in 2025. In 2025, 257.71 EDUs were added to the SBWJA collection system. In 2026, the Authority is projecting the addition of at least 111.91 EDUs through developer and/or individual connections to the system.

In 2025, over 130,210 linear feet (24.66 miles) of gravity sewer was inspected and recorded and 130,210 linear feet (24.66) was jetted and cleaned. It was also noted that 5,287 linear feet (1.00 miles) of newly constructed sewer line was mandreled and pressure tested.

In 2025, the Authority completed an in-home sewer inspection of 365 properties and approximately 2% of the inspections resulted in problems that were identified and corrected.

Mr. Gibson reviewed Table 5 within the Chapter 94 Report, which outlined the average and peak flows not including Rockview. The annual average daily flow, not including Rockview, was 741,334 gallons. The annual average daily flow including Rockview was 1,319,813 gallons with a 3-month average peak of 1,443,731 GPD and a 3-month peak average to average daily flow (ADF) ratio of 1.09.

In 2023, the Authority's maintenance department epoxy coated the wet wells at Pump Station #1A (Springfield) and Pump Station #12 (University Park Airport).

In April 2019, the Benner Township Supervisors and Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority authorized completion of an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Special Study for evaluating the need of providing public sewer in southern Benner Township along Shiloh Road, Rock Road, Big Hollow Road and Walnut Grove Development. The Act 537 Plan Special Study was approved by PA DEP in the spring of 2021. In 2021 and 2022, Benner Township and the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority were defending this plan against litigation efforts filed by one of the homeowners affected by the project. On November 18, 2022, the PA Environmental Hearing Board (EHB) adjudicated the suit filed against the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority, Benner Township and the PA Department of Environmental Protection by the affected homeowner. The allegations presented to the EHB were dismissed. In this same timeframe it was determined that the groundwater in and around the State College Regional Airport was contaminated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. This investigation and public comment have significantly delayed the environmental permitting of this project. The Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority plans to

continue to work to obtain the necessary permits to complete this project and will begin construction when permitted.

Mr. Gibson reviewed Chart 1 which outlined the 2025 historical and projected flows for Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority. The flow projections for 2026 to 2030 are based on 150 new EDUs connected per year from sewer extensions and the five-year average flow per EDU (98.0 GPD) was utilized to project the average flow. The previous five-year average flow to average peak 3-month flow ratio (1.06) was utilized to project the three-month peak.

Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of the Annual Chapter 94 Report for 2025. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Annual Chapter 94 Report for the 2025 calendar year as presented and to authorize Mr. Barton to execute the signature page of the report.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Peru Water System - Mr. Shura stated PA DEP has issued the construction permit for the Village of Peru's water system and that he has verified a few details regarding the installation of the metering vault they are requiring.

Minor Permit Amendment to Hampton Hills Water System – Chemical Change – PA DEP noted a deficiency during the process of transferring the water operating permits from BTWA to SBWJA. Mr. Barton stated that PA DEP completed a full system inspection at each water system and it revealed the chemical being used for sequestration at the Hampton Hills water system is not permitted correctly; therefore, SBWJA will need to submit a minor permit amendment to obtain approval to use that particular chemical product. This minor permit amendment will be executed by Mr. Shura.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Extension Agreement – Shady Lane Estates Phase 2 & 3 (50 EDUs) - The developer for Shady Lane Estates Phase 2 & 3 project is ready to proceed with their mainline sewer extension. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to approve the Sewer Extension Agreement for Shady Lane Estates Phase 2 & 3 project in Walker Township.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Water Storage Tank Inspection – Mr. Barton informed the Board that our water storage tank at Hampton Hills was last inspected (rebuilt) in 2021 and will need a follow-up five (5) year inspection as required by the PA DEP. The water tank at Grove Park was last inspected in 2023. The Authority received a quote of \$2,250.00 from Mid Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. for one (1) submersible rover inspection to be completed; however, they do offer a discount for each additional tank inspection completed during the same day mobilization of the equipment, which would be \$1,000.00 per tank. Mr. Barton recommended both water tanks be inspected now placing them on the same inspection cycle for the future, which will reduce these costs in the future. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the water tank inspections at Hampton Hills and Grove Park in the amount of \$3,250.00.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Industrial Appraisal Company – The Authority has utilized the Industrial Appraisal Company while obtaining appraisals for our above ground assets to determine insurance values. An on-site inspection is completed approximately every five (5) years and a percentage adjustment for the years in between. Mr. Barton requested a quote to complete a full on-site inspection of our systems to include the recently acquired water assets. The last full on-site inspection was completed approximately four (4) years ago; therefore, Mr. Barton feels it's time to update values of our assets to verify we have proper insurance coverage. Mr. Barton stated the appraisal was not budgeted for 2026. Industrial Appraisal Company's proposal to complete a full on-site inspection is \$10,450.00 with the annual revaluation service being completed for \$420.00 each year for a three-year period. The Board asked that the costs associated with the on-site inspection for the water system be broken out of the total amount due. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to grant the approval of the Industrial Appraisal Company's proposal to complete a full on-site inspection for \$10,450.00 with an annual revaluation and maintenance service of \$420.00 each year for a three-year period.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Minor Permit Amendment to Hampton Hills Water System – Chemical Change – Mr. Shura will be submitting a minor permit amendment to PA DEP so we may obtain approval to use a particular chemical product at the Hampton Hills water system. Mr. Barton indicated there will be additional engineering fees associated with this work. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the engineering fees associated with the minor permit amendment to obtain approval to use a particular chemical product at the Hampton Hills water system.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 4:29 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Mr. Shura and Mrs. Dutton were excused from the Executive Session. The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Book exited the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

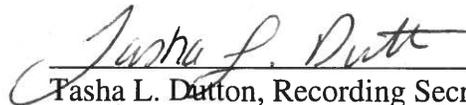
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser, Jr. Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority

System Overview for the month of February 2026

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In-Home Inspections	Sewer Lateral Inspections	Permit Applications	EDUs
62	02/17/26 - 134 Abercorn Street 02/19/26 - 142 Abercorn Street 02/24/26 - 149 Abercorn Street 02/26/26 - 114 Juliet Court 02/26/26 - 166 Ten Point Path	2/13/2026 - 199 Broad Oak Lane 2/13/2026 - 201 Broad Oak Lane 2/13/2026 - 203 Broad Oak Lane 2/13/2026 - 205 Broad Oak Lane 2/13/2026 - 207 Broad Oak Lane 2/23/2026 - 173 Abercorn Street 2/23/2026 - 181 Abercorn Street 2/27/2026 - 132 Redbud Road 2/24/2026 - 134 Redbud Road	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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System Maintenance	Video Truck	Water System Maintenance
02/02/26 - Read meter pits. 02/05/26 - Completed video work for Ameron Construction. 02/05/26 - Installed new grinder pump at 426/428 Irish Hollow Road (private). 02/23/26 - Jet/Video lateral and mainline in Logan Greene due to broken cleanout. *Began electrical work - additional power needs in the office. *Installed new electrical conduits and water line/frost free hydrant at PS#6 (Rockview). *Moved data/prepared video truck for sale/trade. *Completed annual chlorine gas system rebuilds. *Cleaned/organized front & back shops. *2 service trucks inspected in February. *Recall work done by Stuckey on 1 service truck. *Warranty work done by Stuckey on 1 service truck (4x4 issue).	02/16/26 - Recorded 652 ft. of private 6" mainline at Spring Brae (entire complex property transfer). 02/23/26 - Videoed 315 ft. of mainline to verify stones were removed from private lateral damage.	02/05/26 - Collected samples for bacteria testing. 02/06/26 - Repaired water leak on Teasel Way (broken saddle). 02/25/26 - PA DEP inspection to verify compliance prior to permit transfers. 02/27/26 - Read meters in HH/OP & GP.

Sewer Extensions	Vector Truck	Inter Municipal Work
02/05/26 - Air testing at Benner Mills Townhomes. *Reviewed/commented on Shady Ln. Ph. 2/3 construction drawings - Approved drawings on 03/02/26.	Evaluated at A&H Equipment to determine trade-in value -- waiting on report.	02/23/26 - Jetted 200' of sewer main for Mountaintop Area Municipal Authority. 02/24/26 - Videoed 800 ft. of sewer main for Bellefonte Borough.

Call Outs
02/06/26 - Grove Park Water System- Low System Pressure 02/11/26 - Emergency PA One Call - 186 Magnolia Ln. 02/13/26 - Emergency PA One Call - 493 S. Main Street 02/28/26 - Pump 2 Fail at PS#5 (Mingoville).

PA One-Calls
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