

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: See Attached Guest List

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Michael Levandoski, Esq.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Steven Gibson, P.E. & Andy Johnson, P.E.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Tasha Dutton & Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 13, 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 nine members present. Mr. 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, Guests and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Galbraith asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the March 23, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Herbert Rowland & Grubic, Inc. – We received a letter from Jacob Fuller, Herbert Rowland & Grubic, Inc., requesting a letter of intent to provide sewer service for 34 new single-family residential homes for Skyview Meadows located at the terminus of Kenlee Drive in Spring Township. The proposed development will require 34.00 EDUs. *Mr. Fuller was provided with a letter of intent in the amount of 34.00 EDUs for the proposed development in Spring Township on April 2, 2026.*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-141 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-141 in the amount of \$97,694.89. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-141. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-141 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$97,694.89.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **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 \$199.00 as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

Paid Checks for Approval – Water Fund – **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Paid Checks for Approval for the Water Fund in the amount of \$60.00 as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS:

Randy Moyer & Larry Lingle/Benner Township Supervisors – Mr. Moyer, Benner Township Supervisor, asked the Board for an update on when the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project will commence. Mr. Galbraith indicated the project is moving forward but has slowed down due to multiple obstacles. Mr. Book took a moment to review the project timeline projections that Gwin, Dobson & Foreman provided to the Board for discussion this evening. Mr. Moyer stated that Mr. Ferris approached the Benner Township Supervisors requesting flows from Shiloh Road be conveyed to University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) for treatment due to the delay in public sewer being extended. Mr. Book explained Benner Township's current Act 537 Plan assigns SBWJA as the provider for public sewer in this area and that the Act 537 Plan would require revisions to allow flows to be conveyed to UAJA. It was also noted that Mr. Ferris may be eligible to install an on-lot sewer system until public sewer is extended to Shiloh Road. Mr. Lingle asked if SBWJA foresees any future requests that PA DEP may require that could delay the project even longer. The Board and professional services indicated there is no way to determine if PA DEP will impose additional requirements. Mr. Book explained the current project timeline indicates SBWJA will place a bid advertisement for the project later this year with construction starting in the spring of 2027. Mr. Lingle stated Benner Township will support SBWJA anyway they can to move the project forward. Mr. Moyer and Mr. Lingle thanked the Board for their time.

Brad Bilyeu/1060 Shiloh Road – Mr. Bilyeu attended the meeting to obtain an update on the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project.

Lee & Ellen Copper/1841 Walnut Grove Drive – Mr. & Mrs. Copper had nothing to address to the Board.

Mr. Moyer, Mr. Lingle and Mr. Bilyeu exited the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

2014 Freightliner Envirosight Camera Van – Mr. Barton stated Ferguson Township won the highest bid for our video truck on Municibid's auction website on 04/10/2026. The video truck sold for \$38,700.00 and will be transferred to Ferguson Township in the near future.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project – Condemnation of Remaining Properties – Mr. Levandoski stated the Sheriff's office has served Spinazzola, Tabaka and Dawson's (Flowage Easement) condemnations and that their 30-day deadline for objection is soon approaching.

WASTEWATER ENGINEER' S REPORT:

NPDES Permit –Mr. Gibson stated the NPDES Permit resubmission deadline is June 30, 2026; therefore, he would like everyone to make their best efforts to start soil sampling as soon as PSU's easements are obtained. It was noted that PA DEP may not be favorable to issuing an additional extension. Mr. Levandoski stated he would send his comments to PSU and not wait for the airport to be transferred by PSU. Once the easements are executed, the Authority will be able to proceed with soil sampling and this process should take approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks. Mr. Gibson stated it's a tight timeline but is achievable. It was noted that an extension may be more obtainable if the soil sampling has been started.

The Board discussed the possibility of imposing a special district tapping fee for the commercial lots along Shiloh Road.

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Minor Permit Amendment to Hampton Hills Water System – Chemical Change – Mr. Shura was excused from the meeting; however, Mr. Barton indicated that Mr. Shura is still processing the minor permit amendment to obtain approval to use an inexpensive chemical for sequestration at the Hampton Hills water system.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ACH Fees (E-Check) – The Authority's billing software, Muni-Link, will be utilizing a third party to process automated clearing house (ACH) and electronic check (E-Checks) payments effective July 1, 2026. This process will charge the customer a \$0.50 processing fee for each completed transaction. Mrs. Gill stated it would cost approximately \$1,200 per year in processing fees based on current participation. **Mr. Houser moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to absorb the \$0.50 processing fee per transaction for the ACH and E—Check payments made by the SBWJA customers. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

Sewer Extension Agreement – Deerhaven Phase 4 (27 EDUs) - The developer for Deerhaven Phase 4 project is ready to proceed with their mainline sewer extension. Mr. Houser asked if this extension will require a pump station. Mr. Barton stated this is the last phase of Deerhaven that will not require a pump station. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Sewer Extension Agreement for Deerhaven Phase 4 project in Walker Township. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

Revisions to Rules & Regulations Article XI Sewer Extensions By Developers – Mr. Levandoski stated he has been asked to review Article XI Sewer Extensions By Developers of SBWJA's Rules and Regulations as the Board may consider charging the Developer the collection portion of a tapping fee. Mr. Levandoski's findings will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sewer Connection Fee – In the past this Authority has not charged for an installation of a sewer tap for a fit in lot. Mr. Barton stated he would like the Board to consider charging the customer for the installation of a sewer tap to the mainline. The Authority would ask the contractor, performing the installation of the sewer lateral, to expose the mainline and then we would charge for time and materials to install the tap. Mr. Barton indicated the time and materials would be invoiced at cost. Mr. Levandoski indicated the Authority's current rate resolution allows for a connection fee to be assessed at actual cost so no changes will need made to our rate resolution to accommodate this fee **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve charging a connection fee to a customer for the installation of a new sewer tap.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

Purchase of New Vector Truck – Our Vector truck is scheduled to be replaced next year; therefore, Mr. Barton spoke with a representative from A & H Equipment regarding the purchase of a new vac truck. The representative stated the lead time for a new vac truck is approximately 16 months; therefore, he would recommend placing an order soon to ensure a 2027 delivery date. A & H Equipment provided a quote of \$664,680.36 for a new Vector 2100i. It was also noted that A & H Equipment will offer a trade in value of \$90,000.00 for our current vac truck. Mr. Hughes recommended the Authority place our vac truck on Municibid to try to obtain more money. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the purchase of a new Vector 2100i in the amount of \$664,680.36.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. to discuss litigation. The meeting reconvened at 5:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Willis Houser, Jr. Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

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Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority
 System Overview for the month of March 2026

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In-Home Inspections	Sewer Lateral Inspections	Permit Applications	EDUs
33	03/04/2026 - 197 Abercorn Street 03/06/2026 - 189 Abercorn Street 03/09/2026 - 130 Redbud Road 03/10/2026 - 128 Redbud Road 03/24/2026 - 221 Abercorn Street 03/24/2026 - 2197 High Tech Road 03/25/2026 - 229 Abercorn Street 03/30/2026 - 159 Bristlewood Lane 03/30/2026 - 151 Bristlewood Lane 03/31/2026 - 153 Bristlewood Lane 03/31/2026 - 157 Bristlewood Lane 11	03/02/2026 - 225 Broad Oak Lane 03/11/2026 - 222 Abercorn Street 03/11/2026 - 230 Abercorn Street 03/11/2026 - 131 Redbud Road 03/11/2026 - 133 Redbud Road 3/24/2026 - 150 Abercorn Street 3/24/2026 - 141 Redbud Road 3/24/2026 - 143 Redbud Road 8	8

System Maintenance	Video Truck	Water System Maintenance
03/04/26 - Removed grinder pump from 349 Deer Creek Ln. - vacant home currently receiving a reduced user fee charge. 03/05/26 - Collected samples for PFAS testing from Rockview's EQ tank. 03/09/26 - Repaired pump#1 at PS#9 (Penn Eagle). Clogged air release valve (ARV). 03/09/26 - Repaired chlorine room heater at PS#14 (Litke). 03/09/26 - Cut ornamental grass and raked flower beds at shop. 03/10/26 - Installed smaller nozzle on chlorine gas feed system at PS#18 (Village of Nittany Glen). 03/12/26 - Moved filing cabinets & office furniture to accommodate additional office employee. 03/19/26 - Installed rebuilt water pump on generator at PS#2 (Jacksonville Rd). 03/24/26 - Exercised tow behind generator at stations with hook-ups. 03/30/26 - New video truck delivered. 03/30/26 - All flow meters calibrated by "the Meter Guys". 03/30/26 - Collected samples from PS#6 (Rockview) for semi-annual testing requirements. *Vac all wet wells *Made repairs to the Vactor per evaluation from A&H Equipment. *3 vehicles were inspected in March. *Began additional wiring at office. Need to add additional circuits to the office area. *Began to clean out PS#9A (concrete structures). *Cleaned all floats & level sensors. *Cleaned all FM ARVs. *Ran power & communication lines for new computer area in the office.	03/17/26 - Recorded Elizabeth Dale Townhomes (Bond) - 312 ft. 03/17/26 - Recorded Benner Mills Townhomes (New) - 778 ft. 03/19-20/26 - Videod problem lines throughout the system (Routine) - 2332 ft.	03/02/26 - Hydro excavated to determine material needs for mainline valve replacement and fire hydrant installation. 03/02/26 - Performed quarterly blow offs. 03/05/26 - Collected samples for bacteria testing from both systems. 03/19/26 - Collected samples for nitrate & hardness testing from GP. 03/27/26 - Performed Method 334 compliance exercise. 03/30/26 - Hand delivered letters to all GP customers regarding new treatment. 03/31/26 - Read meters in Peru.

Sewer Extensions	Vactor Truck	Inter Municipal Work
Approved submittals for Autumn Ridge and Cascade projects. *Lateral marking replacement (8) at Benner Mills (03/06/26) *Flushing at Benner Mills on 03/11/26, Vac testing on 03/13/26.	03/19-20/26 - Cleaned problem lines	03/27/26 - Vactor truck to CCRRA to clean out conveyor pit. 03/31/26 - Vactor to CHPSA to clean out a wet well.

Call Outs
03/06/26 - PS#9 (Penn Eagle) - Pump 1 Fail 03/28/26 - Buffalo Run Meter Pit - Low Alarm

PA One-Calls
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GUEST LIST

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2. Lisa + Ellen Copper
3. Randy King
4. Randy Moyer
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