

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Melissa White

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 27, 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 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 April 13, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 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 April 12, 2026 requesting a copy of the most recent Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report submitted by Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. *The requested information was provided to Mrs. Evey on April 13, 2026.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McMurtrie reviewed the financial reports for the sewer and water funds for the period ending 03/31/2026. 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.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Payments:

Sewer Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-142 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Sewer Revenue Requisition #2020-142 in the amount of \$291,327.96. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Sewer Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-142. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve Sewer Revenue Requisition 2020-142 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$291,327.96.** 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 \$8,628.63 as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Vector Truck – Mr. Barton stated the costs for the extended warranties available for both the chassis and the Vector unit were included in the board packet. Mr. Barton recommended purchasing the Electrical warranty and he also mentioned a 5-year buyback program that is available which guarantees a 50% of purchase price trade-in value with no commitment. **Mr. McMurtrie moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the purchase of an additional Electrical Warranty for 6 years/100,000 miles in the amount of \$1,850.00.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Water Storage Tank Inspections – Mr. Barton stated the inspections for both water storage tanks were completed on 4/7/26. He noted that the Grove Park tank will need some rehab work completed within the next year or two with an estimated cost of \$60,000. The Hampton Hills tank will need an additional inspection due to concerns with the sealant which is scheduled in early June 2026.

Letter to Governor Shapiro – Mr. Barton presented the Board with a letter that was drafted for their review which informs the Governor of SBWJA's interest in a portion of Rockview's land should it be repurposed in the future. Mr. Houser expressed his interest in sending the letter to all of the Representatives as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revisions to Rules & Regulations Article XI Sewer Extensions By Developers – Mr. Levandoski prepared Resolution #2026-05 which amends Article XI Sewer Extensions By Developers of the Authority's Rules and Regulations pertaining to tapping fees charged to developers. Article XI, Section 11.03 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations, as amended by Resolution 2013-03, is hereby amended to read as follows: "For connections to a sewer system within a planned development, whether or not the collections lines are being constructed or have been constructed at the expense of the Developer, the Authority shall charge a tapping fee consistent with the full tapping fee set forth in the Authority's rate resolution then in effect." [At the time of adoption of this Resolution, the current rate resolution is Resolution 2026-04] **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve Resolution #2026-05 as presented and made a part of these official meeting minutes.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Identity Theft Prevention Program Compliance Model – Mr. Barton reminded the Board that historically they have approved the Identity Theft Prevention Program Compliance Model on an annual basis with no changes being made to the policy with the exception of dates and officers. Mr. Barton offered to review the policy annually and only bring it before the Board for approval if changes are recommended. The Board agreed that formal approval is not needed provided annual review is completed and no changes are recommended.

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 4:18 p.m. to discuss legal. The meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 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 05/12/2026
Walker Township

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING WASTEWATER RATES, WATER RATES, AND OTHER CHARGES

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

WHEREAS, the Act grants the Authority the power to impose fees and charges at a reasonable and uniform rate;

WHEREAS, the Authority previously adopted resolutions amending the Authority’s Rules and Regulations concerning tapping fees for developers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to alter said charges and make said charges uniform with the Authority’s current rate resolution.

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

Section 1. Tapping Fees Paid by Developers.

Article XI, Section 11.03 of the Authority’s Rules and Regulations, as amended by Resolution 2013-03, is hereby amended to read as follows: “For connections to a sewer system within a planned development, whether or not the collections lines are being constructed or have been constructed at the expense of the Developer, the Authority shall charge a tapping fee consistent with the full tapping fee set forth in the Authority’s rate resolution then in effect.” [At the time of adoption of this Resolution, the current rate resolution is Resolution 2026-04]

Section 2. Repealer

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

Section 3. Severability

If any provision or part of this resolution shall be judged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any provision or part not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 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: Walter Houser D
Secretary

By: John S. [Signature]
Chair

(Seal)