

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: None present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Melissa White

CALL TO ORDER:

The June 22, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Galbraith, Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Willis Houser, Jr., Secretary, took Roll Call, recording eight members present. Mr. McKee 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

PA DEP - We received a letter from Steven S. Putt, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), granting the Authority an extension of the timeline to submit the necessary information to address the technical deficiencies that were noted with our Chapter 105 (Water obstruction and Encroachment) permit application for the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project. The information must be submitted to the PA DEP by September 30, 2026 or the PA DEP may consider the application to be withdrawn.

PA DEP – We received a letter from Chad J. Miller, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), approving the amendment to the PWS Consolidated Operation Permit No. 4140131, which changes the permitted manganese sequestration chemical from AquaMag to SeaQuest, or equal, at the Hampton Hills Treatment Plant.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McMurtrie reviewed the financial reports for the sewer and water funds for the period ending 05/31/2026. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book 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 2020-146 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Sewer Revenue Requisition #2020-146 in the amount of \$81,247.36. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Sewer Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-146. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Sewer Revenue Requisition 2020-146 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$81,247.36.** 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 \$7,836.69 as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Hampton Hills Water Storage Tank – Mr. Barton informed the Board he is waiting to hear from Mid Atlantic Storage Systems Inc. on their recommendations for the Hampton Hills tank rehabilitation work.

Shiloh Road Project Right-of-Ways – Mr. Barton stated the final comments on the right-of-ways were submitted to Pennsylvania State University and he noted that Centre County Airport Authority will be discussing the additions/changes to the easements at their next meeting, which is scheduled for this Thursday.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Overview of 2025 Audits – Water & Sewer – Mr. Barton indicated the draft audits were included in the board packets and asked if anyone had any particular questions about them.

Water Fund (Benner Township Water Authority Final Audit) – Mr. Barton noted the water fund showed an overall operating loss of \$11,256 including depreciation of \$61,067 and net cash provided by operating activities of \$37,642. Once depreciation is considered the water fund would be operating in an overall loss of approximately \$23,000. Mr. Barton stated it's really about whether the Board is considering depreciation in a long-term scope or not. Mr. Book asked when an appropriate time would be to consider the water rates be evaluated. Mr. Barton recommended we wait until PA Rural Water Association is able to get back to us with their assessment. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the 2025 Benner Township Water Authority Audit as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Sewer Fund – Mr. Barton indicated he has some questions about the sewer fund audit, but the auditor is unavailable until later this week. To avoid any delays with filing deadlines, Mr. Barton suggested the Board approve the 2025 audit conditional upon final review of this internally. Mr. Barton indicated he doesn't expect any big changes, but he would like clarification on the net investment in capital assets (net position) and the depreciation schedule. Mr. Barton reported that even considering \$865,695 of deprecation the Authority still had a positive change in net position of \$611,378. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the 2025 SBWJA Sewer Fund Audit contingent upon clarification of net investments and capital assets.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Revisions to Rules & Regulations – Section 2 Sewer Rentals or Charges – Mr. Barton stated that revisions will need to be made in how the Authority assesses its commercial/industrial customers for Equivalent Dwelling Units. The Board was provided with some proposed changes and further discussion will be held over the next few board meetings.

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

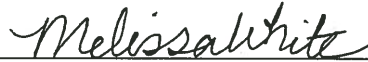
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Richards to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 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 _____