

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 10, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: None present

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Michael Levandoski, Esq.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Will L. Barton

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill & Tasha L. Dutton

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 10, 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. Richards 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 July 27, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-149 – Mr. McMurtrie presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-149 in the amount of \$53,658.01. Mr. Galbraith asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-149. Mr. Houser asked what the well pump controller from L/B Water Service, Inc. was for. Mr. Barton indicated the controller was for the well pump repair at Pump Station #14 (Litke). **Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Book to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-149 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$53,658.01.** 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 \$2,205.88 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 - Mr. Barton stated Advanced Rehabilitation Technology completed the application of the OBIC Armor Multi-Layer System to our EQ Basin at our Rockview Pump Station on July 31, 2026. Mr. Barton indicated he was not pleased with the final product as it is not what the contractor promised. Mr. Gibson visited the job site today and stated that the OBIC sample provided to the Authority displayed a smooth finish, whereas the actual application on the EQ Tank was rough and had an inconsistent color due to, among other things, overspray. It was noted the aesthetics of the project is very poor; however, the contractor assures us this does not affect the performance of the product. The contractor also changed the application process in the middle of the project due to our personnel expressing their concerns with the uniformity of the products layers.

Mr. Book asked if there is any type of performance testing that could be completed to verify the application of the product is adequate. The OBIC representative stated testing could be completed to ensure the application of the product is adequate. Mr. Gibson recommended the Authority obtain a report from the OBIC representative specifying the integrity has not been compromised due to the poor application of their product.

Mr. Galbraith asked what Mr. Barton would like to do to resolve this issue. Mr. Barton stated he would recommend requesting a discount from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology. Mr. Levandoski stated the contract between Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority and Advanced Rehabilitation Technology is very vague; however, there is always an implied warranty for good workmanship. It was recommended the Authority address the issue of poor workmanship now because it is hard to recoup money once the contractor is paid. Mr. Barton will approach the contractor to obtain testing results and discuss a possible discount.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Levandoski stated he would like to request an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 4:16 p.m. to discuss litigation. The meeting reconvened at 4:41 p.m.

WASTEWATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Rockview Forestry Pump Station Upgrades – Gwin Dobson & Foreman will complete the revisions to the drawings for the Forestry pump station upgrades. Once the Authority approves the drawings, Mr. Gibson will submit the permit application to PA DEP for approval. The project should be ready for bid this fall.

PFAS Soil Sampling – Mr. Gibson, Mr. Barton and Mr. Moyer recently marked the remaining areas that require PFAS soil sampling for the Shiloh Road Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Gibson stated the boring will commence once the easements are finalized.

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Peru Water System – Mr. Shura continues to work on the operations permit for the Village of Peru's water system due to the metering vault being installed. Mr. Barton indicated the restoration portion of the project remains; therefore, the project is close to completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Four-Day Work Week – Mr. Galbraith stated that Mr. Barton requested the four-day work week be placed on tonight's agenda for further discussion. The Board and Mr. Barton discussed the pros and cons of a four-day work week. Mr. Maney asked Mr. Barton to prepare a detailed plan explaining the conversion from a five -day work week to a four-day work week for the maintenance department and for Mr. Barton to present it to the Board for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business presented for discussion.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Pump Station #9A – The Board previously approved the removal of the pump station located at the entrance of the Penn Eagle Industrial Park in the Stuckey Ford parking area, which is known as Pump Station #9A. Mr. Maney asked about the progress of this job. Mr. Barton indicated the maintenance department currently has a large work load, which has caused a delay in the demolition of the pump station.

Mr. Barton stated he would like to request an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Galbraith recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. to discuss personnel. The meeting reconvened at 5:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Maney to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. 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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view for the month of July 2026

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In-Home Inspections	Sewer Lateral Inspections	Permit Applications	EDUs
34	07/14/26 - 220 Broad Oak Lane 07/20/26 - 214 Abercorn Street 07/29/26 - 105 Juliet Court		
	3	0	0

System Maintenance	Video Truck	Water System Maintenance
07/01/26 - Read meter pits. 07/21/26 - Serviced pumps for Grange Fair. *Replaced well pump controller at PS#14 (Litke). *Repaired rotators, (1) UPS unit & several chlorine feed systems. *Audited manholes on PA-26 from GOH to Encompass (rehab center).	07/06-07/26 - Recorded 1,898 ft. of 8" mainline for maintenance bond at Shady Ln. Ph. 1. 07/28/26 - Recorded 2,577 ft. of mainline along College Ave. in Pleasant Gap. Video work being completed prior to paving project scheduled for 2027. 07/30/26 - Recorded 1,134 ft. of mainline in Deerhaven Ph. 4B (new).	07/02/26 - Collected water samples for analytical testing: HH: Bacteria & Nitrate/Nitrite GP: Bacteria, Nitrate/Nitrite & Hardness 07/16/26 - Began work associated with the installation of the metering vault in Peru.

Sewer Extensions	Vector Truck	Inter Municipal Work
07/21/26 - GPS located remaining sites for soil sampling work. *Continued project inspections at Shady Ln., Cascade & Autumn Ridge. * <u>191.50</u> Hrs. spent inspecting in July.	07/23/26 - Jet/Vac lines for Murmac Farm. 07/28/26 - Jetted 2,577 ft. of mainline along College Ave. in Pleasant Gap.	

Call Outs
07/04/26 - Emergency PA One Call - 432 Irish Hollow Road 07/04/26 - Emergency PA One Call - Valentine Hill Road 07/05/26 - PS #6 (Rockview) - High/Low Alarm 07/16/26 - PS# 7 (Zion Ridgecrest) - Pump 1 Fail. 07/19/26 - PS#7 (Zion Ridgecrest) - Pump 1 Fail. 07/26/26 - Emergency PA One Call - Jefferson Circle
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