

**SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 9, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

<b>Spring</b>	Gregg Heny Ted Onufrak Jason Scott Dondi Smeltzer
<b>Benner</b>	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
<b>Walker</b>	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

**GUEST:** None Present

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** N. Warren Miller

**CONSULTING SOLICITOR:** Robert Mix, Esq.

**EMPLOYEES:** Tasha Dutton

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 9, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Timothy Miller, Chairman. Mr. T. Miller thanked everyone for attending and stated that the meeting would be recorded for transcription.

**ROLL CALL:**

William Hughes, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording nine members present. Mr. T. Miller, 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. T. Miller, Chairman, led the Board members and Employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Onufrak entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC** – We received a letter from Robert S. Decker of Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC informing the Authority of upcoming Capital Projects at the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant. The projects will consist of modifying the existing RBC train into a Moving Bed Biological Reactor and replacing an existing sludge press. The letter also explained that the Borough is attempting to obtain grant money to help offset capital cost for these projects.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-34** – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-34. **Mr. Heny moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-34 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$38,369.30. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

**GUEST:** There were no Guests present for the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Pump Station #1A** – Mr. W. Miller contacted the Authority's engineer and insurance agent to inform them of the sinkhole at Pump Station #1A. At the time of the sinkhole inspection our insurance agent, Tony Azzato, indicated that our insurance policy only covers repairs to manholes and not to the sewer pipe. The sinkhole has been excavated to solid ground and the depression was packed with #4 stone and clay. Mr. Hughes recommended postponing the application of pavement until we are sure the sinkhole has finished settling.

**Knoebels Picnic** – The Authority will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual family picnic at Knoebels on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Our group will be located along the creek at picnic pavilion R. Mr. W. Miller asked the Board to inform the office if they plan to attend due to placing an order for tickets at the end of the month. Mr. T. Miller encouraged everyone to attend.

**Zion/Mingoville Study** – Mr. Johnson and Mr. W. Miller met on June 5, 2014 to evaluate the pump stations that are affected in the Zion/Mingoville Study. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that he would like to install up to a 30,000 gallon tank underground to serve as a wet well for Pump Station #7 due to the cost of relocating the current pump station. Gwin, Dobson & Foreman will be providing portable meters to obtain an estimated peak flow for the Zion area. Mr. T. Miller recommended the members of SBWJA's Facilities Committee be involved in this project.

**SBWJA Meeting Minutes** – A Walker Township resident has recently asked the Authority to provide him with our meeting minutes; therefore, Mr. W. Miller asked if the Board would object to the minutes being added to our website. Mr. Heny suggested that the minutes not be added to the website until they are approved at a Board meeting. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is public information and he does not see a problem with this request. There were no objections; therefore, the meeting minutes will be available on our website starting with January of 2014.

**Sieg/Confer Property** – A local realtor, Melissa Sieg, has contacted our Authority regarding public sewer being extended to a vacant parcel of property located south of Marsh Street in Walker Township. The vacant lot is currently owned by Todd Confer of 155 Ashford Manor Drive, Centre Hall. Mr. Onufrak suggested that the realtor contact Walker Township to verify if the township has approved an on-lot septic system for this lot. Mr. Mix also suggested that someone check with the township regarding the status of utility easements for this area. The Board discussed this matter and stated that it would be the property owner's responsibility to pay for extending the public sewer to the vacant lot and obtaining right-of-ways for the installation of the sewer pipe.

**104 Jeter Lane/ 149 Marsh Street** - While investigating the Marsh Street properties, Mrs. Gill located a vacant lot sewer permit for 104 Jeter Lane, previously known as 149 Marsh Street, that indicated a tap fee of \$2,200.00 was paid by the Catherine Sieg estate in August of 1997. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that Joel Confer paid our Authority a \$2,500.00 tapping fee for this same property in 2009, on behalf of Carly Confer; therefore Mr. Confer will need reimbursed for this tap fee. The Board discussed this matter and did not see a problem with reimbursing Joel Confer.

**Valentine Hill Road** – Mr. Smeltzer asked Mr. W. Miller if Bellefonte Borough's water leak on Valentine Hill Road caused any harm to our sewer system last week. The maintenance department investigated the area in question on Monday morning and found no problems.

**In-Home Inspections** – Mr. T. Miller took a moment to inform the remaining Board members that his experience with his in-home inspection was painless and he thought it was very efficient. Mr. W. Miller stated that approximately 50% of the homes have had problems throughout the Valley View area so far.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Mix had nothing to report.

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

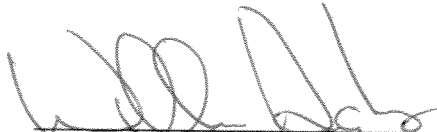
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Centre Daily Times - Letter to the Editor** – Mr. Onufrak took a moment to inform everyone that a Benner Township customer, John Miller, wrote a letter to the editor questioning why Bellefonte Borough’s sewer rates are more than Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority’s even though they are both treated at the same facility. Mr. W. Miller noted the Borough’s sewer rate for 2014 is \$102/EDU/Quarter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.**  
9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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William Hughes, Secretary

  
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Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

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