

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

November 24, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Gregg Heny Jason Scott Dondi Smeltzer
	Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
	Walker	Dennis McDowell Vacancy

GUESTS: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 24, 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 seven members present. Mr. Onufrak was absent and there is a Board vacancy in Walker Township. 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. T. Miller asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the November 10, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

2053 Axemann Road – Mr. Heny referenced the additional correspondence provided in the Board packets pertaining to this property from Interfaith Human Services and asked if this would have any impact on how we may proceed with collections. Mrs. Gill indicated that our Authority has filed a municipal lien against the property and if the balance is not satisfied, we can proceed with the sheriff's sale of the property.

This property was listed for sale and had a potential buyer; however, there was an issue with the deed, which deterred any interested parties. The Authority staff contacted Mr. Mix to obtain his legal opinion and we may proceed with the sheriff sale if a sale does not occur within a reasonable time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Heny reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 10/31/2014. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions pertaining to the reports.

Mr. Smeltzer mentioned the Building Electricity expense account being over the budgeted amount as of 10/31/2014 and wanted to know if this was for the administrative building. Mr. W. Miller indicated this account was strictly for the administrative building and due to the harsh winter, the heating costs have increased. Mr. Smeltzer wanted to ensure that there weren't any issues with the HVAC unit that would cause this to occur and Mr. W. Miller stated no, the HVAC unit is only a few years old. The 2015 budgeted amount for Building Electricity has been increased by \$500 or 14%.

With no further questions, **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-45 – Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-45. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-45 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$42,926.88.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bellefonte Borough Treatment Plant Upgrades – The Board reviewed the draft letter to Bellefonte Borough regarding the proposed improvements to their Treatment Plant in 2015-2016. A few minor modifications were suggested and will be completed by Mr. W. Miller. The Board indicated they would like the letter addressed to Bellefonte Borough/ Bellefonte Borough Authority and copied to our three incorporating municipalities and the PA DEP.

Mr. Johnson has reviewed the information provided by Bellefonte Borough's engineer and indicated he believes they are lacking a good plan. The study indicates the RBCs account for over 50% of the organic treatment capacity and will be replaced, but does not indicate if the organic capacity of the proposed process upgrade to BIOMAG will stay the same or possibly increase as a result. Mr. Johnson also indicated the studies do not identify the outcome of the pilot study for the Entex media treatment. Two years ago the Borough suggested the cost would range from \$1-\$4 million to replace the RBCs. The Borough then completed a pilot study and proposed a new technology called Entex for approximately \$1 million. Within the past six months this has now changed to the BIOMAG process and will cost over \$5 million.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – Our Authority has Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) at each pump station that has chlorine gas. The SCBA's need to be flow tested annually and the cylinder (tank) needs hydrostatically tested every five years. We currently have three different types of SCBAs and only two of the nine can be tested. The remaining seven are low quality and have surpassed the static date.

Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that he obtained a quote to purchase a new SCBA, which would amount to \$1600 each through the state contract. Within the next year or two, Mr. W. Miller would like to purchase new SCBAs to replace the older, outdated models. The Board indicated they would like the SCBAs incorporated into the 2015 budget. Mr. Heny suggested contacting The Fire Store online to inquire about a price through them.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Zion/Mingoville Study – Mr. Johnson provided Mr. W. Miller with a draft of the Zion/Mingoville Study late last week for his review.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. T. Miller recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Facilities Committee Meeting - Mr. Hughes indicated a work session was held earlier this evening to discuss equipment purchases for the 2015 budget year. The committee reviewed a quote to purchase a new Vactor Truck and is considering a Peterbilt Chassis since there is a local service garage in the Lamar area.

A&H Equipment has indicated the purchase price will increase in January 2015; therefore, Mr. W. Miller stated the Vactor Truck should be ordered by December 31, 2014 to avoid a price increase. Once the Vactor Truck is ordered it will take approximately six-seven months before it will be ready for delivery since it will need to be built.


Mr. Smeltzer indicated there were some questions regarding the warranty options provided and Mr. W. Miller will look into this further. Mr. W. Miller will also inquire about the estimated rate increase beginning in 2015.

Weber Family – Mrs. Gill informed the Board that Melissa Weber delivered a baby girl on November 18, 2014 and will be on leave for up to 12 weeks. The Board suggested providing Mrs. Weber with a congratulatory gift.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____