

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
	Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
	Walker	Dennis McDowell Ted Onufrak

GUESTS: None present

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 14, 2017, 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. T. Miller asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the July 24, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Toby Dashner – We received a letter of resignation from Toby Dashner indicating that August 18, 2017 will be his last day of employment with SBWJA.

Nittany Engineering & Associates – We received a letter and updated schedule from Robert Decker for the Bellefonte Borough Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. The project is scheduled to be bid the Fall of 2017 with construction commencing in January 2018. Mr. W. Miller drafted a letter to Mr. Decker thanking him for providing us with an update on the BIOMAG upgrade and projected scheduling which is useful for budgeting purposes.

Tony Deboef – We received an email from Tony Deboef indicating he is representing the owner of 1151 Valley View Road, Bellefonte and they have asked him to contact our office to figure out how to resolve their delinquent bill.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers – We received a project summary for our Zion/Ridgecrest Pump Station from GD&F.

Bellefonte Borough Authority – We received a letter and attachments from Robert Cook, Plant Superintendent, regarding the U.S. EPA's and PA DEP's regulations pertaining to dental office wastewater. All dental offices that place, remove or alter Amalgam dental fillings will be required to stop the discharge of scrap amalgam by July 14, 2020. This will reduce discharges of mercury and other metals from dental offices to the publicly owned sewage treatment facilities. Our Authority provided Mr. Cook with a list of all dental offices on our sewer system so that a notice will be mailed to each office.

Seth Holt – We received a letter of resignation from Seth Holt indicating that August 11, 2017 is his last day of employment with SBWJA.

137 Bergamot Way - The Board was provided with a copy of a letter issued to the homeowner of 137 Bergamot Way outlining the multiple site visits to their property since 2013 for grease accumulation and material clogged in the cutter head of the grinder pump. The homeowner had asked for justification of the bill that was recently mailed due to the numerous site visits.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-106 – Mr. Onufrak presented the Board with Revenue Requisition 2012-106. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-106. **Mr. McMurtrie moved, seconded by Mr. McDowell to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-106 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$375,037.14. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SCI Rockview/SCI Benner Flows – Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that he recently met with David Lapinski from the PA Department of Correction's (DOCs) Central Office regarding the high flows being discharged to our Authority from SCI Rockview/SCI Benner. Mr. Lapinski has retired from the DOC, but was brought back to investigate the high water usage at the prisons. The daily flows for both Institutions are averaging 700,000 Gallons per Day (GPD), with peak flows of 800,000+ GPD. The DOC knows their water filtration plant is generating more water, but assumed it was leaking underground somewhere; however, the flows being discharged to our Rockview Pump Station clearly identify the flows are going through the sewer system. The DOC is looking at reducing their flows and overall expense to our Authority and has been asking for their daily flows.

Pump Station #7 – On July 26, 2017 Envirep was at Pump Station #7 to realign the motor and replace a coupler. Everything is operating and functioning as scheduled. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that during the design phase of the project he didn't think about the chlorine booster pump running the entire time the pumps run (about 14-16 hours per day) which would waste a lot of chlorine and water. Contact has been made with Gorman Rupp to inquire about programming a floating set point in the PLC to start/stop the chlorine booster pump so that when the pumps are running, the chlorine is not running. Mr. W. Miller indicated wastewater isn't in the force main long enough to produce hydrogen sulfide when running; therefore, we will want to feed chlorine just before the pumps are off. Mr. W. Miller apologized for the oversight and stated he wasn't sure of a price, but it appears as though Gorman Rupp won't need to visit the facility and can dial in through the phone to program the PLC.

Hughes Street Sewer Extension – Mr. Mix has completed a deed search of the properties affected by the Hughes Street Sewer Extension project and drafted the easement agreements. The easement exhibits are currently being prepared by our engineer. Once the easement agreements are finalized, Mr. W. Miller will contact the property owners to obtain the proper signatures and then construction can commence.

In-Home Inspections/Affidavits – With completing the mandated in-home inspections in the Zion area we are finding some homes that have some basement facilities not connected to the public sewer system. The Authority staff has found signed affidavits from the 1980s that indicate the homeowner is requesting relief from the Authority's rules and regulations that require connection of the basement facilities to the public sewer which would permit the basement to continue to be serviced by the existing septic system located within their property. The affidavit further states that the Authority reserves the right to change its decision and to require abandonment of the existing septic system upon a change in conditions or policy of the Board.

Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that we have found some homeowners that have signed affidavits with all facilities being plumbed to the sanitary sewer. We have also found some homeowners that do not have a signed affidavit, but have facilities not connected to the public sewer. In the past we have sent letters indicating what connections were determined to not be connected to the sanitary sewer and informed the property owner of the Township's upcoming Septage Management Plan that may require inspection of the septic tank; however, the Authority personnel were looking for direction on how to proceed since we will be completing inspections on the entire area where these affidavits exist. Mr. W. Miller recommended compiling a list of the affected properties once the inspections are finalized and determining the proper remedy at that time. The Board agreed with Mr. W. Miller's recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. T. Miller recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Mix had nothing to discuss.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson had nothing to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

SR 550 Paving – Mr. Hoffman asked when the paving of SR 550 is scheduled. Mr. W. Miller stated they were scheduled to pave at the end of July; however, it appears as though there were some delays, which were likely weather related.

New Centre Crest Facility – Mr. McDowell asked where the sewer service for the new Centre Crest facility will be discharged. Mr. W. Miller stated that the sewage flows would be directed to University Area Joint Authority.

Benner Township Supervisors Meeting – Mr. T. Miller, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Hughes attended the Benner Township Supervisor's meeting on August 7, 2017 to discuss sewer service to the Shiloh Road area. The two Township Supervisors in attendance at the meeting did not seem to be in agreement as to where the sewer service should be discharged for the Shiloh Road area.

Chairman Wise wants our Authority to send a letter stating it would be acceptable for UAJA to complete a study to identify their cost to provide sewer service to the Shiloh Road area in comparison to SBWJA's cost. If the study should determine it would be more cost effective for UAJA to serve the Shiloh Road area, then Mr. Wise wants our Authority to give up sewer service in that area. Mr. T. Miller stated that Mr. Wise can send a letter to our Authority requesting this; however, knowing our Board will never agree to it.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel & Community Relations Committee – Mr. Hoffman had nothing to discuss.

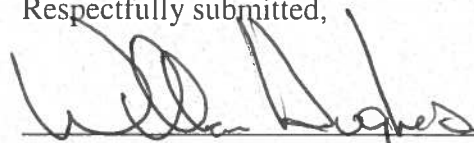
Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Onufrak had nothing to report.

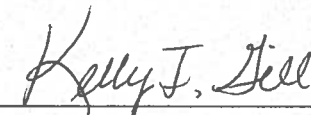
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____

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