

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Spring	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
Benner	William Hughes
Walker	Dennis McDowell Ted Onufrak

GUESTS: John Kostas - Grove Park
Ray Gardner (Melinda Cain's son)

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Melinda Cain, Tasha Dutton and Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 10, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dennis McDowell, Vice-Chairman. Mr. McDowell 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. T. Miller and Mr. Hoffman were absent. Mr. McDowell, Vice-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. McDowell, Vice-Chairman, led the Board members, Employees and Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the June 26, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Keller Engineers, Inc. – We received a letter from Michael Pratt of Keller Engineers requesting our Authority provide a Letter of Intent to provide sewer service to lot 28R located in the Penn Eagle Industrial Park. This request is being made for Blatek Industries, Inc. Our sewer forcemain coming from Pump Station # 9 bifurcates this lot; however, the design plans indicate the developer will be building around the forcemain to avoid conflicts. Mr. W. Miller indicated a letter of intent was sent to Keller Engineers, Inc. for this project. The approval was contingent upon Bellefonte Borough accepting the treatment of this flow.

ELA Group, Inc. - We received a letter from Matthew R. Harlow of the ELA Group requesting our Authority provide a Letter of Intent to provide sewer service to the Amberleigh Residential Community, phase III, located in Spring Township. This subdivision is currently on record as 96 apartment units in four buildings, which the developer is proposing to redesign and develop as 35 single family dwelling lots. The Authority sent the ELA Group a letter of intent for this development. The approval was contingent upon Bellefonte Borough accepting the treatment of this flow.

137 Bergamot Way – The Authority has been called to 137 Bergamot Way on numerous occasions due to multiple grinder pump alarms. These alarms have been triggered due to grease and feminine hygiene products being introduced into the sewer system. It was noted that these callouts could be avoided with proper care from the homeowners. On July 4, 2017 our maintenance department was called to the property to remove debris from the grinder tank. Mr. W. Miller indicated he sent the homeowners an invoice for \$100.00 and a letter explaining why our Authority was forced to invoice them. Mr. Smeltzer stated his agreement with issuing this invoice.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-104 – Mr. Onufrak presented the Board with Revenue Requisition 2012-104. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-104. **Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. Heny to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-104 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$63,506.76. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

GUESTS:

Melinda Cain – Mr. W. Miller introduced the Authority's newest employee, Melinda Cain, and her son, Ray Gardner to the Authority Board. Ms. Cain began employment with our Authority on June 12, 2017 in the office. Mr. W. Miller indicated Melinda is doing a good job and is quickly learning how to complete the office tasks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pump Station #7 – Mr. W. Miller indicated there is a recurring issue with the cog in the new pump at Pump Station #7. A cog is a coupler connecting the motor and the pump. The cog's inner and outer teeth are chewed up due to misalignment of the pump and motor. This same problem occurred in February of 2017 and was repaired.

There was a call out to Pump Station #7 on July 4, 2017 due to a tripped VFD. The representative from Envirep believes that the vibration in the pump and motor may have caused a relay to trip out and then tripped the VFD. Mr. Smeltzer asked if the pump had grounding bands that would eliminate the harmonics. Mr. Johnson stated that the motors are inverter rated motors. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that a Gorman Rupp technician from Ohio will be scheduling a visit to Pump Station #7 to align the motors. Mr. Smeltzer asked if this work was under warranty and Mr. Johnson stated the pump system is under warranty for two (2) years.

Jack Catherman's Garage (Sunset West Property) – The property owner has been given an EDU Assessment Form for completion to determine what the new garage will be charged for sewer rentals and to determine the correct tapping fee. Mr. W. Miller also delivered a sewer permit that will need to be executed by the property owner.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Township Water Authority – Mr. Smeltzer asked if Spring Township Water Authority requested our assistance with their water system or if they hired a new employee. It was noted that an employee from Centre Hall Borough is currently assisting them and is using his water license for their public water system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pleasant Gap Paving – The maintenance department recently raised manholes in preparation for Spring Township’s paving project on Norman Avenue, Whiterock Avenue and Noll Street. Mr. W. Miller noted the work looks good with the new road surface.

Route 550 – The maintenance department is currently raising manholes on Route 550 due to a paving project that will begin the end of July. This work is being completed by PennDOT.

In-Home Inspection – Mr. W. Miller indicated the maintenance department will continue the in-home inspection program due to high flows at Pump Station #7 during heavy rains. The areas affected will be Stover Development, Springfield Development, Krape Development, Zion, Zion Ridge Crest, Smokerise Development and Mingoville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel & Community Relations Committee – Mr. Hoffman was absent.

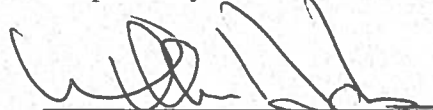
Facilities Committee: Mr. Hughes had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Onufrak had nothing to report.

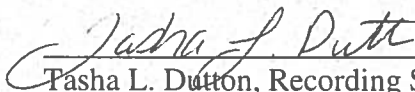
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Smeltzer moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hughes, Secretary



Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____