

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

July 27, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:	Spring	Toby Dashner Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie
	Benner	Brian Book Dan Hoffman Willis Houser, Jr.
	Walker	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

GUESTS: None present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: Will Barton and Kelly Gill

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 27, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dennis McDowell, Chairman. Mr. McDowell thanked everyone for attending and stated that the meeting would be recorded for transcription purposes.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Swanderski, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording eight members present. Mr. Book entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Mr. McDowell, Chairman, noted that with a quorum present, the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority was permitted to conduct business under the laws of Pennsylvania.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McDowell asked the Board if there were any questions and/or changes to the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Gill informed the Board that a modification was made to the meeting minutes just prior to the start of the meeting. It was noted that the Personnel & Community Relations Committee Report stated that Mr. Hoffman was absent and it was corrected to state: Mr. Hoffman had nothing to report. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting as amended. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Heny reviewed the financial reports for the period ending 06/30/20. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Swanderski referenced the Authority's bank account balances and asked if the upgrades to Bellefonte Borough's wastewater treatment plant were paid out of the Authority's general fund. Mrs. Gill stated yes and indicated the Authority didn't use as much of reserves as initially projected due to having an excellent year, financially. The growth in our area has certainly contributed to the financial stability of this Authority. Mr. Miller stated he anticipates a similar situation occurring with the financing of the Shiloh Road project. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Mr. Book entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-09 – Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2020-09 in the amount of \$72,733.07. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2020-09. Mr. Houser referenced the USA Blue Book purchase of an 8' Blower and asked if that was a typographical error. Mr. Miller confirmed the blower has an 8" discharge hose and is used to ventilate confined spaces before entering. **Mr. Hoffman moved, seconded by Mr. Swanderski to approve Revenue Requisition 2020-09 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$72,733.07. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

GUESTS: There were no Guests wishing to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Act 537 Plan Special Study – Mr. Miller indicated that on August 5, 2020 he, Mr. Johnson and Heberling Associates will be meeting with the homeowners along the stream where evidence of previous inhabitants were found during the Phase I archaeological survey. We plan to discuss possibly moving the line closer to the stream to avoid this area or boring through the area which could add \$60,000-\$70,000 to the cost of the project.

Mr. Miller informed the Board that he believes the Authority should also consider some stream improvements in this area where our mainline would be crossing the stream. The stream crossing is approximately 100-150 yards downstream of the outfall from the UAJA wastewater treatment plant and in an area where the stream bends. Over the years the area has become eroded which contributed to the widening of the stream and it becoming very slow. Mr. Miller suggested approaching the PA Fish & Boat Commission to discuss installing deflectors to aid in stream restoration and also completing habitat restoration. This Authority doesn't typically spend money in this manner, but Mr. Miller believes it would be a good community effort. There is a stretch of stream approximately 200 yards long which is really slow and deep. Discussion was held about the cost and also about including this work as part of the bidding process. Once a price is provided then our Authority can make a decision whether or not to complete the work.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacant Positions – Mr. Book asked if there were any vacant positions within the Authority that we were still looking to fill. Mr. Miller indicated Mr. Peters filled the Maintenance Laborer position and at this time he believes we have adequate staffing.

Valley View Pump Stations (#10 & #11) – Mr. Miller informed the Board that both Valley View pump stations are in need of some work. The Authority applied for a PA Small Water and Sewer grant last Fall, which included upgrades to both of these pump stations along with Pump Station #12 (Airport). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) has delayed awarding the funds for the projects. The maintenance staff were recently completing fabrication repair work at Pump Station #11 (Jenny Gap) and recognized the importance of completing this work in the near future. Mr. Miller stated this work will need completed regardless of whether or not we receive any grant monies due to the deterioration of the pump station. The grant application included upgrading the grinder pumps, lift out assemblies, piping and control panels.

Mr. Book inquired about the amount of the grant application for these upgrades. Mr. Miller stated he would have to review the application before providing that amount.

Mr. Miller stated the maintenance crew has been getting a lot of work done. Mr. Barton, as Crew Leader, has done an excellent job organizing the crew and scheduling the work. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Barton for his hard work and dedication.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel & Community Relations Committee: Mr. Hoffman had nothing to report.

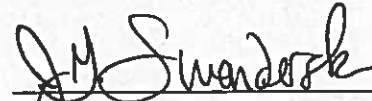
Facilities Committee: Mr. Book had nothing to report.

Financial Committee: Mr. Heny had nothing to report.

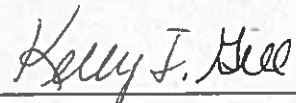
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Swanderski moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Swanderski, Secretary



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township _____
Spring Township _____
Walker Township _____