

# **SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 8, 2019**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>AUTHORITY MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Spring</b>	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Chris McMurtrie Dondi Smeltzer
	<b>Benner</b>	Brian Book Dan Hoffman Timothy Miller
	<b>Walker</b>	Dennis McDowell Joseph Swanderski

**GUESTS:** None Present

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Andy Johnson, P.E.

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** N. Warren Miller

**EMPLOYEES:** Kelly Gill & Tasha Dutton

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The July 8, 2019, 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:**

Dondi Smeltzer, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording nine members present. 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.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. McDowell, Chairman, led the Board members and Employees 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 24, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association** - We received an email from Deputy Director, John Brosious, of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) requesting PMAA members impacted by the House Bill 1563 contact their House members to oppose the bill. This bill may impact authority's current billing procedures and operations. Mr. W. Miller explained this bill would allow property owners to request individual rate studies for their individual properties on an annual basis. Mr. W. Miller sent a letter to the Honorable Kerry A. Benninghoff opposing the House Bill 1563. Mr. Hoffman stated that Mr. W. Miller's letter was very well written.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Approval of Requisitions:

**Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-150**– Mr. Heny presented the Board with Revenue Requisition #2012-150 in the amount of \$48,875.57. Mr. McDowell asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-150. **Mr. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Galbraith to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-150 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$48,875.57.** 9 ayes, 0 nays. **The motion carried.**

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

**SYSTEM OVERVIEW REPORT:**

**June 2019 System Overview** – Mr. W. Miller reviewed the June 2019 System Overview with the Board.

Mr. W. Miller stated there were 44 in-home inspections completed in the month of June and we're down to a small number of homes that we must gain access to. The maintenance department identified broken pipes underground, washing machines not plumbed to the public sewer and floor drains connected to the sanitary sewer. Our maintenance department completed 12 new sewer lateral inspections and our office staff received 12 sewer permit applications in the amount of 13.92 EDUs and issued the permits.

The maintenance department has been working to seal the dry well at Pump Station #12 that's been leaking and had repaired plumbing within multiple pump stations. There was a sewer tap cut for a new home at 387 Lower Coleville Road. Our personnel completed 29,010 feet of video work and jetted 33,799 feet of sewer line for the month of June.

Mr. W. Miller also informed the Board that a fairly large sink hole has developed in the vicinity of our sewer mainline behind Willow Bend in Benner Township. Our sewer mainline has been inspected and it does not appear the sink hole has affected the mainline. The property owners in this area feels the sink hole is due to our sewer mainline, because it was not there before we installed the sewer mainline. We will complete some remediation work to the area over the next month.

There were multiple tasks performed for Benner Township Water Authority, which included plumbing repairs to the Grove Park water system and disinfecting the previously unused mainline in the back side of Edward Drive for a new connection.

Our staff completed repairs to manhole BF-30 within the Mews subdivision due to the casting being broken during restoration.

We had a call out to the Rockview Pump Station for a high level alarm, which was due to a heavy rain event. There was also a call out to 368 Buffalo Run Road due to the property owner complaining of water in her basement, which was a result of improper internal plumbing repairs. Mr. W. Miller ended the report with a total of 105 PA One Calls being located in June.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Sewer Capacity** –The Authority's current position with sewer capacity was discussed at the June 24, 2019 meeting; therefore, Mr. W. Miller wanted to take a minute to provide information regarding this matter. Mr. W. Miller stated that he ran some numbers to let everyone know where we stand. The second quarter of this year just ended in June, calendar quarter, and it was following four of the wettest quarters in recorded history. Mr. W. Miller then stated that our average flow has been 1.5 MGD and we currently have 1.644 MGD of capacity at the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which allows us a little over 140,000 GPD of capacity. It was noted that Rockview averaged 140,000 GPD above their allotted capacity they have with us. Mr. W. Miller stated that we have roughly 280,000 GPD of excess capacity, which equates to 2,300 EDUs if we would force Rockview to lessen their flow to what they have capacity for. This would allow us an additional 2,300 EDUs at 150 EDUs per year, which would be a little over 15 years of available capacity. Bellefonte Borough does have capacity available at the WWTP; however, Mr. W. Miller didn't feel this was necessary to acquire at this time. Mr. W. Miller stated if the Board wishes to secure additional capacity at this time, he will contact the Borough officials. There were no further comments.

**R.L. Kerstetter/Weis Markets Subdivision** - The Weis Markets had asked Spring Township and the Centre County Planning office to subdivide lot #2, first lot on the left going into the Weis Market, within the R.L. Kerstetter/Weis Markets subdivision. It was noted that lot #2 was subdivided sometime last winter and is now identified as lot #2A and lot #2B. During land preparation for the new Wendy's restaurant it was noted that lot #2A was subdivided without a sewer tap. Mr. W. Miller stated the sewer tap was located on lot #2B; therefore, we are going to require the Weis Markets provide a right-of-way across #2B, which will allow sewer access for lot #2A.

**CPWQA** – Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority was presented the 2018 collection system safety award from the Central Pennsylvania Water Quality Association. Mr. W. Miller stated this was the fifth time we received this award since 2000. Mr. Henry asked if the Authority received anything for winning the award. Mr. W. Miller stated a \$50.00 Lowes gift card was received and will be used for an Authority purchase in the future. Mr. Swanderski congratulated the employees.

**Bellefonte Borough** – Mr. McDowell asked if there were any updates on Bellefonte Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. Mr. W. Miller stated that he has not received an update.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Radio Drive Right-of-Ways** – Mr. Mix stated that he has been in contact with 4B's Partnership's solicitor, Betsy Dupuis, regarding the 90 foot right-of-way that is needed to provide sewer service to Lot #1 on Radio Drive. Mr. Mix indicated Ms. Dupuis did not provide a response to the Authority's counter offer and recommends we give the property owners' additional time. Mr. W. Miller reminded everyone that the owner of the vacant lot is self-employed and is depending on his garage being constructed on this lot so he may conduct business. The Board asked that Mr. Mix inform Ms. Dupuis that she must provide us with an answer prior to the July 22, 2019 meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Shiloh Road Project** – Mr. Johnson reported the survey work being close to completion. The majority of the survey work remaining is located in Walnut Grove and should only take an additional two to three weeks to complete.

A preliminary layout of the sewer was submitted to the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) for review. Once PHMC provides a response, the Act 537 Special Study will be presented to the County for approval and they will have 60 days to review and comment. The Act 537 Special Study will then be presented to Benner Township for a 30 day public comment.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Facilities Committee:** Mr. Galbraith had nothing to report.

**Financial Committee:** Mr. Heny had nothing to report.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. McDowell recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. W. Miller, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Dutton exited the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dondi Smeltzer, Secretary

  
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Tasha L. Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township \_\_\_\_\_  
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