

SPRING-BENNER-WALKER JOINT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Spring	Joseph Galbraith Gregg Heny Dondi Smeltzer
Benner	Dan Hoffman William Hughes Timothy Miller
Walker	Dennis McDowell

GUESTS: Shirley Gryczuk & Tamara Buskirk

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Andy Johnson, P.E.

CONSULTING SOLICITOR: Robert Mix, Esquire

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: N. Warren Miller

EMPLOYEES: John Buskirk & Tasha Dutton

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 12, 2015, 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. Scott and Mr. Onufrak were absent. 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, Employees and Guests 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 September 28, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Galbraith to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Citifinancial Servicing, LLC – We received notification from Citifinancial Servicing, LLC that 792 Nittany Valley Drive is scheduled to be sold at the Centre County Sheriff's Sale on 12/10/2015 in the Centre County Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor, Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823 at 10:00 A.M. The current balance due on this account is \$693.85. Mrs. Dutton informed the Board that she recently updated the municipal lien on the property for sewer usage through July 31, 2015 and the claim that will be submitted to the Sheriff's office through the sale date should be approximately \$808.69. Mr. W. Miller stated that this property has been vacant for several years and that the maintenance department had completed video work to verify there is no flow entering the sewer lateral.

Bellefonte Borough Authority –We received a letter and attachment from Bob Cook regarding the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting that Bellefonte amend their Pretreatment Rules and Regulations related to local limits. The EPA can no longer accept Resolutions as their official legal document for adoption of the Pretreatment local limits and request that each municipality be required to adopt the amendments by ordinance. Mr. W. Miller stated that a Municipal Authority is not permitted to pass an ordinance; therefore, SBWJA approved Resolution#2015-01 Pretreatment Amendments at the September 28, 2015 meeting. It was noted that the Townships have requested additional information from the Borough due to inadequate information being provided to them. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that the adoption of an ordinance will take longer than the Borough's requested 30 days as the Townships must prepare and advertise the adoption of an ordinance for 30 days.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Approval of Requisitions:

Revenue Fund Requisition 2012-64 – Mr. Heny, Assistant Treasurer presented the Board with Revenue Requisition 2012-64. Mr. T. Miller asked if there were any questions regarding the presentation of Revenue Fund Requisition #2012-64. Mr. Galbraith asked if the safe deposit box rental for Jersey Shore State Bank was monthly or yearly. Mr. W. Miller stated the safe deposit box rental of \$26.00 is an annual cost. **Mr. McDowell moved, seconded by Mr. Smeltzer to approve Revenue Requisition 2012-64 payable to SBWJA in the amount of \$41,294.89.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

GUESTS:

Shirley Gryczuk – Mr. W. Miller asked Ms. Gryczuk if she had anything to bring to the Board. Ms. Gryczuk had nothing to report except to keep up the good work.

John & Tamara Buskirk – Mr. W. Miller took a moment to introduce the Authority's newest employee, John Buskirk, that was hired on 9/8/2015 and his wife Tamara. Mr. Buskirk had been employed as chief operator of the wastewater treatment plant at Huntington Borough and worked as a circuit technician with PA Rural Water for several years. Mr. Buskirk took a moment to thank the Board for the employment opportunity and commented on how well SBWJA is operated. Mr. T. Miller stated that the Board is also very proud of the organization and feels that the staff is why this organization is so successful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. T. Miller recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bellefonte Borough Upgrades – The Authority has decided to forward a letter to Bellefonte Borough stating that the Authority does not agree with the capital additions to the Bellefonte Wastewater Treatment Plant by installing a BioMag system without proper Act 537 planning and that the Authority is available for discussion; however, the Authority will proceed with arbitration if a response is not given within the next thirty (30) days.

Gorman-Rupp Factory Tour – The owners of Gorman-Rupp have invited our employees and Board members to attend their factory tour in Mansfield, OH on 10/27/2015 and 10/28/2015. Mr. Galbraith stated that he has been to the facility and that it was a very nice. Mr. W. Miller stated that the facility has been updated with modern robotics and electronic welders. Ms. Gryczuk asked what Gorman-Rupp manufactured. Mr. W. Miller informed Ms. Gryczuk that Gorman-Rupp produces sewer and water pumps. Mr. T. Miller asked if anyone was interested in attending this tour. Gorman-Rupp will provide airfare, food and hotel accommodations for this trip. Mr. Henry stated that he would be interested if another type of transportation is available. Mr. W. Miller will contact Mr. Henry if an alternate route of transportation becomes available.

Rex Lane, Clemens Lane & Roopsburg Road (Formerly Slaughterhouse Road) R-O-W – Mr. W. Miller explained that there are three (3) areas on our sewer system that have been previously classified as private sewer systems. This would be more than one (1) parcel or domicile flowing into one sewer pipe and Mr. W. Miller believes this should be considered a public sewer line.

Mr. W. Miller has asked Mr. Johnson of Gwin Dobson & Foreman to provide the Authority with a written proposal to develop as-built drawings and easements for Rex

Lane, Clemens Lane and Roopsburg Road. It was noted that Rex Lane is located in Pleasant Gap before you enter Centre Hall Mountain and this line serves several sewer laterals which includes a manhole. The next area would be the sewer line that serves Clemens Lane which flows behind the old Fox Lure Mini Mall and provides service to the Kid's Court, one residential property and Centre Communications on Radio Drive. The last area on our system would be two (2) duplexes located on two (2) different parcels on Roopsburg Road.

Mr. W. Miller stated that we currently have a problem on Roopsburg Road that must be corrected and he feels that it would be in the best interest of this Authority to obtain a properly recorded right-of-way before completing the work. Mr. Mix stated that Mr. W. Miller was correct in obtaining a right-of-way from the property owners.

Mr. Johnson stated the as-built drawings would identify property boundaries, location of buildings and floor elevations. Mr. W. Miller informed the Board that Mr. Johnson has provided the Authority with a proposal in the amount of \$7,250.00 to complete the as-built drawings and easements. **Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Gwin, Dobson and Foreman's proposal for the development of as-built drawings and easements for Rex Lane, Clemens Lane and Roopsburg Road in the amount of \$7,250.00.** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.** Mr. W. Miller will contact all property owners involved with this project.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PS#7 Upgrades – Mr. Johnson stated that the permits for Pump Station #7 upgrades have been submitted to PA DEP and Walker Township received a copy of the application for their review and comment. The job will be put out for bid once the Authority receives the required approvals.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Party – Mr. McDowell asked if there was information regarding the Authority's Christmas Party. Mrs. Dutton took a few minutes to provide the Board with prices of the local event halls and restaurants that could provide their services for the Authority's Christmas Party. The Board discussed the options and decided to use the Bellefonte Elk's on December 8, 2015 or December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Dutton will contact the Elk's to reserve a date for the catered meal.

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

