

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eby
Steve Lanich
Gary Shultz

OTHER ATTENDEES: Warren Miller – SBWJA
Kelly Gill – SBWJA

CONSULTING ENGINEERS: Charles Stover, E.I.T., HRG
Adrienne Vicari, P.E., HRG

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 16, 2011, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 17, 2011 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Shultz moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Lanich reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented. The total balance as of July 31, 2011 for both bank accounts is \$183,266.45. Mr. Eby asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Shultz moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$6,510.01 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$1,620.17. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Gail Buzin – Mr. Miller informed the Board that Ms. Buzin purchased a lot in Grove Park (227 Aster Avenue) in December 2010 and obtained the necessary permits so Benner Township would issue the building permit prior to the new regulations pertaining to sprinkler systems went into effect in 2011.

In the Spring of 2011, Ms. Buzin contacted our office to inquire about connecting to the water system and having a water meter installed. At that time Mr. Miller informed her that a connection/meter/inspection fee in the amount of \$642.00 was due; however, Ms. Buzin expected to be paying for only the water meter (\$130.00) since Grove Park Associates (GPA) still owned the water system at the time the lot was purchased and all permits were acquired. Ms. Buzin paid the \$642.00 to connect to the water system.

During a recent conversation with Mrs. Gill and Ralph Spearly, who also purchased a lot from GPA in December 2010, Mr. Miller realized that we should have only collected a meter fee of \$130.00 since all water/sewer permits would have been obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit. As a result, Mr. Miller suggested the Board consider refunding Ms. Buzin \$512.00 – the difference in cost between a meter fee and connection/meter/inspection fee. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to refund \$512.00 to Gail Buzin for the difference between a connection/meter/inspection fee and meter fee. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Schaeffer Request for Service – Mr. Eby asked if there were any updates regarding the request for service to the Schaeffer property on Seibert Road. Mr. Miller indicated we have not been contacted at this point; however, he believes the Schaeffers will be starting construction in the Fall of 2011.

Village of Peru – Mr. Miller was recently contacted by Matt Milliron, Centre County Planning Office, regarding the potential for some additional CDBG funds for the Village of Peru. In 2008, Centre County Commissioners awarded approximately \$80,000-\$85,000 to another municipality to relay sewer laterals; however, the monies have not been used by the municipality at this time due to delays. Mr. Milliron indicated the County wants those monies to be used; therefore, they are considering granting the BTWA those monies and that municipality would then receive BTWA's 2011 CDBG funds. The granting of those monies is contingent upon the BTWA having biddable prints by the end of this year with construction in early 2012. The County would be granting a total of approximately \$180,000- \$185,000 to BTWA for this project.

The Board asked Mr. Miller for an estimated cost for the project and Mr. Miller stated he believes the project would cost around \$225,000. HRI has already met with Mr. Miller on site to provide an estimated cost for the project, which was around \$180,000 for construction. Mr. Miller stated that he believes there are several smaller, local contractors that may be willing to complete the construction for much less than HRI's estimate.

Mr. Miller reminded the Board that a tapping fee cannot be collected because of the CDBG funds; however, the BTWA could charge a connection/meter/inspection fee of \$642.00.

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Gill have a meeting scheduled with Superintendent Llamas of SCI Rockview on 08/29/2011 to discuss Rockview's plans with the extension.

The Board requested HRG provide the BTWA with an engineering proposal for the Village of Peru that can be emailed around prior to the next meeting in September.

Crestview – Mr. Eby asked if any property owners within the back of Crestview have contacted SBWJA about connecting to the water system and Mr. Miller stated no. Mr. Eby stated he believes the BTWA may want to consider a mandatory connection for that portion of Crestview Development.

Radio Telemetry – Mr. Miller informed the Board that it would cost approximately \$15,000 per site to have radio telemetry equipment installed for reporting alarms. Each location would require a SCADA pack, antenna, radio and UPS.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Campbell was absent from the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Flow Testing Equipment – Mr. Stover informed the Board that HRG provided the BTWA with the necessary equipment to flow test the hydrants within the water systems. Mr. Miller stated the hydrants are tested on an annual basis to determine the gallons per minute (gpm) of flow for each hydrant as well as the residual and static pressures.

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Energy Providers – Ms. Vicari stated that the energy costs are expected to be lower in August and September; therefore, it would be a good time to shop around for a new energy provider. She realizes the wells do not use much energy, so the costs shouldn't have much of an impact on BTWA, but thought that SBWJA may be interested.

ACTION ITEMS:

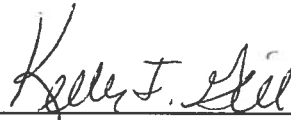
-HRG to prepare engineering proposal for the Village of Peru.

Next regular scheduled meeting is September 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 10/19/2011