

# **BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**August 19, 2014**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Lanich  
Jerry May  
Andrew Swales  
Gary Shultz

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Warren Miller – SBWJA  
Kelly Gill – SBWJA  
Jean Ryan – Hazen & Sawyer

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The August 19, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Andrew Swales, Vice-Chairman.

**WELCOMING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Mr. Swales welcomed Jerry May to the Board as he was recently appointed by the Benner Township Supervisors.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the June 17, 2014 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lanich reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Swales 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. May to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$7,900.62 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$2,967.86. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

**SBWJA REPORT:**

**Crestview Connection** – The property located at 221 Reichenbaugh Lane is now connected to the water system, but we experienced difficulty with locating the curb box. The only prints for this development are the sewer asbuilts, which identify the water facilities, but they were not accurate with the location of the curb box for this property. Mr. Miller contacted the developer, George Wellar, who indicated each lot in this phase has a curb stop.

The homeowner's contractor, Steve Yarnell, assisted with locating the curb box for the property, which took approximately two hours to find. The homeowner was angry about the time his contractor spent to locate the curb box; therefore, Mr. Miller agreed to pay Mr. Yarnell for his time which amounted to \$240.00 in backhoe rental/labor.

The curb box ended up being approximately four feet (4') off from the location on the sewer asbuilts and was buried 16" below the surface.

Mr. Shultz asked if the residents of Crestview are aware of the availability of water service and Mrs. Gill indicated a notice was hand delivered to each affected property owner several years ago, but we received very few inquiries.

**255 Crestview Drive** – We received a letter from the property owners of 255 Crestview Drive requesting the Authority consider reducing their water bill for the quarter ending May 31, 2014 as a result of a faulty valve on their water softener. The homeowners indicated they had the issue corrected as soon as they became aware of the situation. Mrs. Gill stated they used 66,000 gallons of water this past quarter and their average usage is around 15,000 gallons per quarter.

The Board further discussed the effects of establishing such a precedent and determined it may not be in the best interest of our Authority customers; therefore, **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to issue a letter to the property owners of 255 Crestview Drive indicating the Board has declined their request for a reduction in their water bill for the quarter ending May 31, 2014.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Ms. Ryan had nothing to report.

**GUESTS:** There were no Guests present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Geothermal systems at Grove Park** – After the last meeting Mrs. Gill located a copy of the covenants for Grove Park and emailed them to all Board members. The Board discussed the recommendation of Mr. Swales to send a letter to all homeowners indicating the following:

- The BTWA's commitment to providing a safe, clean and reliable source of water
- Undertaking efforts to improve the system, including protection of the groundwater source
- Request all homeowners with geothermal systems provide the BTWA with information pertaining to their system (ie. Location, type and type of liquid used within system)
- This will assist the BTWA in its efforts to diligently provide safe and reliable water for the community

**Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to authorize Mr. Miller to prepare and distribute a letter to all BTWA customers served by the Opequon/Hampton/Grove Park wells requesting any information they have pertaining to their geothermal systems, which will assist the BTWA with providing safe and reliable drinking water for the community. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

**Opequon Hill Well House** – Mr. Miller is working with Friedman Electric to obtain a quote to purchase/install a variable frequency drive (VFD) to the Opequon Hill Well House. Mr. Miller stated currently a phase inverter is used to change to three phase electric, which could be accomplished with a VFD. As with the Grove Park well house, the Authority should recognize a savings in electric costs with the installation of the VFD.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tour of System** – Mr. Lanich asked Mr. Miller if he would be interested in providing a tour of the Authority's water systems when he has some free time. Mr. Miller agreed to provide the tour and suggested any Board members who want to attend send him an email with dates of availability.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

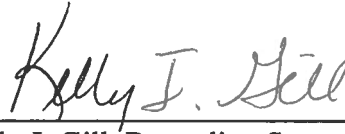
- Warren Miller to send letter to owners of 255 Crestview Drive
- Warren Miller to prepare and distribute letter regarding geothermal systems
- Schedule tour of water systems

**Next regular scheduled meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 10/22/2014