

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Capriani
Steve Lanich
Andrew Swales

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 15, 2013, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Andrew Swales, Vice-Chairman.

ELECTION OF 2013 OFFICERS:

Mr. Swales opened the nominations.

Mr. Lanich made a motion to retain the same officers from the previous year and Mr. Capriani seconded Mr. Lanich's motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried. Attached is a list of Officers/Board Members for 2013 that is made a part of these official Minutes.

Mr. Swales closed the nominations.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to retain the following Professional Services for 2013:

Solicitor	Miller, Kistler & Campbell (Richard Campbell)
Accountant	Parente Beard
Engineer	Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.

3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 18, 2012 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2012 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. Mr. Swales asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$3,447.13 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$2,165.34. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

Mr. Capriani noted that the property/casualty insurance coverage exceeded the amount that was budgeted for 2012 and questioned if it was due to an increase in premium. Mrs. Gill indicated that at the time the 2012 budget was prepared she was unsure of the insurance premium per category; however, those figures are now known. Mr. Miller indicated that the insurance premiums for all categories did not exceed the total amount budgeted for insurance; therefore, the Authority is still under budget.

Mr. Capriani inquired about why the West Penn Power invoice for the Opequon well house is much larger than the other two well houses. Mr. Miller indicated that the pump at Opequon is larger and requires 3 phase electric to run the pump, but only single phase comes into the building; therefore, a phase converter is used resulting in higher electrical usage.

SBWJA REPORT:

Board Reappointment – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Benner Township Supervisors have reappointed Mr. Steve Lanich to serve another five year term on the Water Authority Board.

PA DEP Permitting:

Grove Park Water System - The Authority has received confirmation from the PA DEP that they have reviewed and approved the Groundwater Rule 4-log Treatment of Viruses for the Grove Park Water system. As part of the permit modifications, Mr. Miller indicated the Authority is required to maintain a minimum free chlorine residual of 0.40 mg/L at the entry point within the well house.

Hampton Hills/Opequon Water System - The PA DEP has also reviewed and approved the 4-log removal or inactivation of bacteria for the Hampton Hills/Opequon water system, along with the chlorine degradation study. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the PA DEP has approved the relocated sampling point, inside the Hampton Hills well house, and is required to maintain a minimum free chlorine residual of 0.50 mg/L.

Mr. Miller stated that he is now considering applying for a PA DEP lab certification and submitting our own bacteria and chlorine samples due to the ground water rule requiring daily samples with monthly reporting.

Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Ryan for her assistance with the permitting modifications that were prepared and forwarded to the PA DEP.

Geothermal Heating Systems – Mr. Swales indicated he wasn't present during the last meeting in which discussion was held regarding the impact of geothermal heating systems within close proximity to our wells and wanted to know the type of these systems. Mr. Miller indicated that of the systems we have become aware of, they all seem to be closed loop systems. Mr. Swales expressed concern with the impact of these systems with the Authority's existing wells and suggested that a letter be sent to the Benner Township Supervisors with our concerns. Mr. Swales will prepare a draft letter to the Benner Township Supervisors and email it to the Board members for review and/or comment prior to sending the letter.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Village of Peru – Ms. Ryan indicated that the Village of Peru record drawings have been approved by the Authority's inspector and the final sets have been provided to SBWJA.

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Attendance – Mr. Lanich reminded the Board that he will not be present for the February meeting due to travel arrangements.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

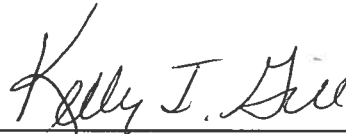
-Andy Swales to prepare a letter to send to the Benner Township Supervisors regarding Geothermal Heating systems and their impact on the Authority's wells.

Next regular scheduled meeting is February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 4/17/2013

**Benner Township
Water Authority**

2013 OFFICERS & MEMBERS

Thomas Eby, Chairman
Andrew Swales, Vice Chairman
Steve Lanich, Treasurer
Mark Capriani, Secretary
Gary Shultz, Board Member