

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Capriani
Tom Eby
Steve Lanich
Gary Shultz

OTHER ATTENDEES: Warren Miller – SBWJA
Kelly Gill – SBWJA

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Don Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 20, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:38 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 18, 2010 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Shultz moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2010 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 June 30, 2010 for both bank accounts is \$141,907.81. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Eby asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Paid Checks in the amount of \$3,626.94 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$1,298.48.** 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

High Usage – Mr. Miller informed the Board that over the last several weeks there was a substantial increase in usage, which resulted in more than double the average daily flows. As a result the Authority personnel initiated leak detection procedures, but did not locate any leaks. There were over 20 customers with sprinklers in use and one home used 50,000 gallons in one month. Once the rainfall came, the flows went back to normal, which led us to believe the increased usage was a result of watering landscaping. Mr. Miller informed the Board that a meter has been installed at the Hampton Hills Well House to measure water used there on a daily basis.

Mark Capriani entered the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Consumer Confidence Report (2009) – The annual Consumer Confidence Report for 2009 was prepared and delivered to the customers in June as required by the PA DEP. Mr. Miller indicated the report will be slightly modified next year to appear more current with the new DEP template.

Annual Testing – The annual water testing requirements have been completed for 2010 and we are waiting for the results from Fairway Laboratories.

Residential Sprinkler Systems – The Board reviewed the article provided by CET Engineering Services regarding the requirement to install residential sprinkler systems within newly constructed residential properties by 2011. Mr. Miller indicated several trade organizations are trying to delay this from occurring and have filed the necessary applications for relief with the PA Department of Labor & Industry. Mr. Miller also stated that the Opequon Hill/Hampton Hills Water System is capable of meeting the sprinkler system operating requirements and providing the additional fire flow.

Grove Park Water System – Mr. Miller stated that the Grove Park Water System wouldn't be equipped to handle the Residential Sprinkler System Requirement without a generator due to the storage tank elevation, which requires high service pumps to pressurize the system.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: See the attached Engineer's Report as made a part of these official Minutes.

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Eby recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Real Estate. The meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grove Park Water System – Garen Smith has provided the Authority with a Letter of Intent regarding the takeover of the Grove Park Water System. With Mr. Swales being absent from the meeting, the Board suggested having Mr. Eby circulate an email to all Board members asking for comments/suggestions regarding the Letter of Intent for discussion at a future meeting. The Board is also interested in knowing if the warranty that Randy Moyer will be providing to Grove Park Associates for the facilities recently installed in Phases II & III will be transferrable to our Authority. Mr. Miller also stated he will contact Greg Wells, DEP Sanitarian, regarding his thoughts on the acquisition of the Grove Park Water System.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

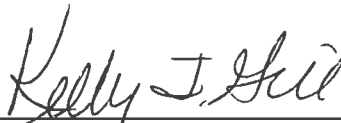
- **Tom Eby will circulate an email to obtain comments from the Board members regarding the Letter of Intent for the Grove Park Water System.**
- **Warren Miller will contact Greg Wells, PA DEP, regarding the acquisition of the Grove Park Water System.**

Next regular scheduled meeting is August 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 08/18/2010

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Re: Status Report - Engineering Activities

Dear Authority Members:

The following summarizes our recent activities on behalf of the Benner Township Water Authority.

Retainer (1494.000)

There were no activities under the retainer agreement in the past month.

Act 57 Tapping Fee Report (1494.007)

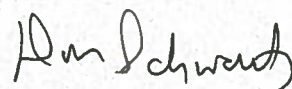
We would like to discuss the proposal regarding the Grove Park system.

Once a reimbursement agreement has been signed by the owner of the Grove Park system and itemized documentation is received to support the cost to construct the system, the draft Act 57 tapping fee report can be finalized.

We look forward to discussing these and any other issues at tonight's meeting.

Very truly yours,

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.



Donald Schwartz
Project Manager

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