

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eby
Steve Lanich
Gary Shultz
Andrew Swales

OTHER ATTENDEES: Warren Miller – SBWJA
Kelly Gill – SBWJA

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 17, 2011, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

Andy Swales entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 19, 2011 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2011 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. The total balance as of April 30, 2011 for both bank accounts is \$173,364.73. 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 Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$1,107.34 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$1,779.83. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Request for Service – The Authority has received a request for service from Alecia Schaeffer for her property located at 1485 Seibert Road. Mrs. Schaeffer is proposing to begin construction of a home within the next two to three months and would like to tap on to the Grove Park Water System.

Mr. Miller stated this connection would be fairly easy and would eliminate the existing blowoff near the entrance to Grove Park, off of Seibert Road. Mrs. Schaeffer would be required to extend the 8” main line past her property to allow for future development. The Board stated that the Authority’s existing rules and regulations will need to be followed, specifically the requirement of ductile iron pipe.

Mr. Miller informed the Board that once the Schaeffers extend the main line, they would be entitled to reimbursement through Act 57 if anyone were to connect to that mainline within the next ten (10) years. The reimbursement would then be based on a per foot cost.

Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to conditionally approve an extension from the Grove Park Water System to serve Alecia Schaeffer’s property at 1485 Seibert Road in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Benner Township Water Authority and Benner Township. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Grove Park Associates (GPA) – Mr. Miller indicated that Garen Smith recently contacted the Authority inquiring about obtaining access to the frost free hydrant near the Seibert Road entrance of Grove Park to water shrubbery. The Board stated this was acceptable; however, GPA will be required to pay a nominal charge as with all water system customers. Mr. Miller suggested GPA be charged the \$90.00 minimum bill and water flows could be estimated to determine additional usage.

Bellefonte Borough Water System – Mr. Eby reported that he received a telephone call from John Elnitski regarding concern with Bellefonte Borough Water Authority continuing to serve properties within Benner Township that would be the Benner Township Water Authority’s service area. **TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER UNDER NEW BUSINESS.**

Crestview – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the office was recently contacted by a resident of Crestview inquiring about connecting on to the Opequon/Hampton Water System. Mr. Biber lives next door to the Smith and Crunick properties, which already have connected to the system; therefore, it would be an easy connection.

Updated Charts – Mr. Miller reminded the Board the updated Daily Usage and Well Depth Charts were provided in the Board packets for review.

Back Up Water Supply – Mr. Swales stated he believes the Board should start setting monies aside for a Back Up Water Supply for the future. Mr. Swales indicated the Schaeffer property or the Northern End of Willowbend, near Raymonds Lane would likely be a good location.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: HRG was absent from the meeting.

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:

2010 Audit – Mr. Eby suggested the Board review the draft 2010 audit and asked if there were any questions. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to approve the 2010 audit as presented.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Swales left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Bellefonte Borough Water System (continued) – Mrs. Gill obtained a copy of the PUC's decision regarding the Borough serving customers outside of their service area, within Benner Township, and forwarded the copy to the Board members for review prior to the meeting. The Board requested an explanation of the history regarding this situation.

Mr. Miller indicated that the Borough applied to the PUC for approval to construct a water distribution line beyond their corporate limits to serve the former Corning Glass Works located in College Township, which was approved by the PUC, with restrictions.

Mr. Eby stated that the Borough has continued to connect properties to their system over the years that are located in Benner Township and Mr. Elnitski believes the Benner Township Water Authority should be entitled to some type of reimbursement for those water sales, such as the agreement we currently have with State College Borough Water Authority.

Mr. Elnitski indicated to Mr. Eby during a recent telephone conversation that he is familiar with an attorney for the PUC that he will be contacting to discuss the PUC's determination regarding the Borough's service area.

Mr. Eby stated this has been an ongoing issue for years and to the best of his knowledge, the Borough was only entitled to serve those customer's within a 1500' radius of the 20" Corning Line which reduces to 16" near the Bowling Alley.

ACTION ITEMS:

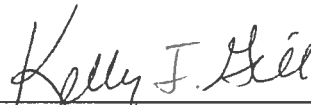
-Warren Miller to prepare a quote/price for radio telemetry

Next regular scheduled meeting is June 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 8/17/2011