

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Warren Miller – SBWJA
Kelly Gill – SBWJA

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Don Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 18, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Andrew Swales, Vice Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 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, 2010 for both bank accounts is \$141,913.99. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Tom Eby entered the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Swales asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. Mr. Lanich inquired about the two separate billings from ParenteBeard LLC. Mrs. Gill explained that they were progress billings and she anticipated these being the only billings for the 2009 audit. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Paid Checks in the amount of \$3,763.73 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$1,685.82. 5 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Opequon Well – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Opequon well was turned off for a short period of time and the Authority did realize a savings in electrical costs; however, the well was restarted as a result of the flows exceeding the daily potential for the Hampton Hills well. Initially, the increased flows were associated with summer usage, but with flows continuing to increase, the Authority personnel began looking for a leak. We found and repaired a leak on a curb stop in the Opequon Development and the daily usage flows have decreased. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Opequon well was turned off again starting May 17, 2010.

Village of Peru – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Centre County Commissioners have approved our initial request for grant monies in the amount of \$100,000. This request will be forwarded to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for final approval, which is typically a formality. We will also ask for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 next year under the CDBG program.

SCI Rockview personnel have indicated their willingness to install approximately 1,500 feet of main line to the rear of Peru at the Commonwealth's expense, which will considerably save this project costs.

Hampton Well Galvanized Pipe – Mr. Miller asked the Board if anyone had use for the old 1 ¼", 20 feet sections, of galvanized pipe that was removed from the Hampton well. One employee of SBWJA is interested in using the pipe for a flagpole and another employee would use it for a water line to individual water troughs for his family's dairy farm.

Mr. Miller stated the pipe is likely only worth scrap price of around \$8 per hundred weight. The Board suggested Mr. Miller dispose of the galvanized pipe as he desires.

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:

Parente Beard – Mrs. Gill informed the Board that we received several standard letters from Parente Beard regarding the 2009 audit, which were included within the packet for review. The Management Letter requires signature and must be returned to Parente Beard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Service – Mr. Lanich inquired about an estimated cost for extending water service to the homes adjacent to the Hampton Hills Subdivision, after being approached by a resident of this area. Mr. Miller suggested the resident contact Rob Bowman of RC Bowman (Mill Hall) to obtain an estimate. RC Bowman completed the minor extension to serve the Benner Elementary School.

Grove Park Water System – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the water and sewer infrastructure within Phase III has been installed and he anticipates Grove Park Associates will be contacting us later this summer to discuss the takeover of the water system.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 Audit – Mr. Swales suggested the Board review the draft 2009 audit and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Capriani inquired about the decrease in Water System Usage Charges from 2008 to 2009. Mrs. Gill stated that she contacted ParenteBeard inquiring about the same issue and was informed that the Water System Usage Charges for 2008 included the State College Borough Water Authority (SCBWA) payments for 2007 and 2008. This was due to the SCBWA payments not being accounted for within the 2007 audit. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the 2009 audit as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

Tom Eby left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: None

Next regular scheduled meeting is June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 07/21/2010

May 18, 2010

Benner Township Water Authority
1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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)

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.


Peru Feasibility Study (1494.0425)

The County Commissioners awarded \$100,000 in CDBG funding to Benner Township for the Peru project at their April 27 meeting. This is very good news. The minutes from the March meeting of the Authority state that it is the intent of the Authority to seek a total of \$200,000 over two years from the CDBG program. We are available to assist in this effort, as necessary.

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