

# **BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**November 15, 2016**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Eby  
Tim Edkin  
Steve Lanich – via telephone  
Jerry May  
Andy Swales

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Warren Miller – SBWJA  
Kelly Gill – SBWJA  
Brian Shura, P.E. – Stiffler McGraw  
See Attached Guest List

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The November 15, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Tim Edkin, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording five members present. Mr. Eby, Chairman, noted that with a quorum present, the Benner Township Water Authority was permitted to conduct business under the laws of Pennsylvania.

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

The Minutes of the October 18, 2016 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lanich reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Lanich 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. May to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$923.43 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$6,054.95. 5 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.**

**SBWJA REPORT:**

**Source Water Protection Plan (SWP)** –Mr. Miller completed a review of the SWP plan and reported biosolids are not specifically listed as a potential contaminant in our draft SWP plan. The Board asked Mr. Miller to contact Mark Stephens, PA DEP, to have biosolids added to the SWP plan as a potential contaminant.

**Emergency Response Plan (ERP)** – Mr. Miller made the necessary changes to the Hampton Hills/Opequon Hills Emergency Response Plan as approved during the last meeting and a copy has been placed at each corresponding well house.

**PA DCED Grant Program** – The grant application for the PA Small Water and Sewer grant program was reviewed by the Authority's engineer and submitted by the October 31, 2016 deadline.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT -**

**System Maps** – Mr. Shura informed the Board that he asked for a copy of the water system maps so he could familiarize himself with the Authority's system. Mr. Shura will have the maps scanned into his system and will provide the Authority with an electronic copy. Mr. Miller indicated it would be a good idea to have the water system mapped and suggested Mr. Shura provide the Authority with a proposal for the GIS mapping.

**GUESTS:**

**George & Judy Emel** – George and Judy Emel live along Valley View Road and attended the meeting to inquire about the possibility of obtaining public water service to their home. Mr. and Mrs. Emel indicated their well water has a sulfur smell and even with the use of filters they are unable to drink the water.

Mr. Miller provided the Emels with an overview of the Authority's water systems and indicated a door to door survey was recently submitted to neighboring property owners of the Benner Township municipal building with little to no interest in public water. Mr. Emel offered to go door to door throughout the Valley View area with a petition to obtain the necessary signatures of property owners mutually interested in public water service.

The Board discussed contacting Benner Township to inquire about placing an article in their quarterly newsletter to inquire about interest in public water within the Township.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Biosolids Appeal** – A settlement agreement was not achieved with the Bellefonte Borough Authority as a result of our Authority appealing the permit the PA DEP issued for the land application of biosolids to the Spicer Family Farm. The litigation schedule has been extended and the Authority will need to hire an expert witness. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to retain the services of Dr. Richard Parizek contingent upon the negotiation of a suitable contract.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

**Benner Township New Building** – Benner Township's engineer has prepared and provided the Grove Park Homeowner's Association (HOA) with a Right-of-Way agreement for the water main extension proposed for the Township's new building. The Grove Park HOA has reviewed the proposed agreement and is requesting a hold harmless clause be added to protect their interest. Benner Township will continue working with the Grove Park HOA to obtain the necessary agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tentative 2017 Budget** – The 2017 Tentative Budget was prepared by Mr. Miller and Mrs. Gill and submitted to Mr. Lanich for review prior to the meeting. Mrs. Gill indicated the water revenue is based on 248 connections and includes the addition of four (4) new connections. The legal fees were increased due to litigation associated with the appeal of the PA DEP issued permit for the land application of biosolids to the Spicer Family Farm. The Capital Improvements account was increased from 2016 to reflect the Authority's 15% cost share of the grant application that was submitted.

Mr. Eby asked if there were any questions pertaining to the tentative budget. Mrs. Gill indicated a tentative budget will need approved during this meeting with final approval in December. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to approve the 2017 Tentative Budget as presented.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

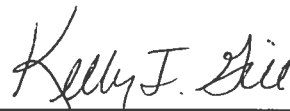
- Mr. Miller to contact Mark Stephens about modifying SWP to mention biosolids as potential contaminant
- Mr. Miller to contact Benner Township about adding language to newsletter about interest in public water

**Next regular scheduled meeting is December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Edkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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 12/21/16

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**GUEST LIST**

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