

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Edkin
Steve Lanich
Jerry May

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 20, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Steve Lanich, Acting Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 18, 2015 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. May moved, seconded by Mr. Edkin to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2015 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. Lanich asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Edkin moved, seconded by Mr. May to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$5,015.22 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$5,952.74. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Well Head Protection Easement Agreement – Mr. Miller contacted the solicitor to inquire about the termination process and was informed the existing language will not allow the agreement to be terminated without our Authority's consent; therefore, no changes are necessary.

The agreements have been forwarded to the Hampton Hills and Opequon Hills Homeowners Associations (HOA), along with the developer of Opequon Hills, Trubuild, for review and/or signature. As a result of the agreement, the Opequon HOA realized that they do not own the common property surrounding the well house and suggested our Authority wait until the issue can be settled with the developer before finalizing the agreement. Mr. Miller indicated the agreement does pass to assigns and heirs and asked the Board their thoughts on moving forward with the agreement. Mr. Miller indicated he would prefer the Board proceed with obtaining the necessary signatures from the current owners to move forward within a timely manner since these agreements need signed to satisfy the Commonwealth's requirements. The Board agreed with Mr. Miller's recommendation and authorized Mr. Miller to proceed with obtaining the necessary signatures of the current property owners.

Grove Park Fire Hydrant – Mr. Miller informed the Board that he discussed the concerns of the "short" fire hydrant in Grove Park with Tim Schreffler, Bellefonte Fire Department Chief, and is still waiting for a response from him. In the meantime a local builder has purchased the lot which the fire hydrant is on and is required to build a sidewalk that will make this hydrant difficult to use.

Mr. Miller recommended waiting to see if Garen Smith will replace the hydrant since he built the system and this Authority has not made any changes to the system which caused this hydrant issue.

2016 Budget – A tentative 2016 budget will be presented at the November Board meeting with final approval occurring at the December meeting. Mr. Miller indicated there are several Capital projects the Authority may want to consider in the future. For the 2016 budget year Mr. Miller would like to have the shingles replaced on the Grove Park Well House. At some point the Board may want to consider the following Capital projects:

- Replacing the Sodium Hypochlorite with Chlorine Gas at the Grove Park and Hampton wells (This will help maintain the chlorine residual but will require its own room at the well house).
- Chlorine Analyzers with Radio Telemetry (This will monitor the chlorine residual and call out through the SCADA system if it gets low. As well as monitor the tank level).
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Opequon Well House (once the existing phase inverter stops functioning).

PA DOC Monies – Mr. Miller indicated that he received an email from Randy Sears, General Counsel of the PA Department of Corrections (PA DOC), indicating he has exhausted every avenue possible to release the monies in escrow and indicated it would take an act of legislation to finalize the release. Mr. Miller has contacted Senator Corman to assist with closing out this account, which this Authority will likely be the recipient of the monies.

Source Water Protection Program - Mr. Edkin inquired about the status of the Source Water Protection Program that was to be provided by the PA DEP. Mrs. Gill indicated that an electronic version was submitted to our Authority for review, but there were some minor errors that required correction. Those errors were provided to the PA DEP, but we haven't received a revised draft. Mr. Miller stated that he will follow up with Mark Stephens of the PA DEP.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Ms. Ryan had nothing to report.

GUESTS:

Shirley Gryczuk, 111 Aster Avenue – Mr. Lanich asked Ms. Gryczuk if she wanted to address the Board about anything. Ms. Gryczuk referenced the public hearing being held at the Benner Township Municipal building on November 2, 2015 regarding ordinance #127 (Pretreatment) and asked for further clarification.

Mr. Miller explained that the ordinance pertains strictly to the sewage pretreatment limits at the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant which are established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA has made a change in the local limits, which must be adopted by the Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township, Benner Township and Walker Township by ordinance. The SBWJA will also have to adopt the new limits through resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business presented for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Board Meeting Schedule – The 2016 proposed meeting schedule was included within the Board packets for approval. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. May to approve the 2016 Board meeting schedule as presented and made a part of these official meeting minutes.** 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Budget Vs. Actual Report – Mr. Edkin referenced the Budget versus Actual Report provided each month in the Board packet and asked if a column can be added to reflect the percentage to date in comparison to the amount budgeted for each line item. Mrs. Gill stated the report is in Excel format and she can add the information as requested.

ACTION ITEMS:

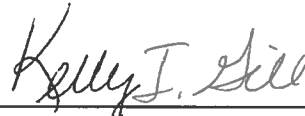
- Warren Miller to contact Mark Stephens, PA DEP, regarding the Source Water Protection Program
- Kelly Gill to modify budget vs. actual report by adding percentage column

Next regular scheduled meeting is November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Edkin moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 11/18/2015

Benner Township Water Authority **2016 Regular Meeting Schedule**

January 19, 2016
February 16, 2016
March 15, 2016
April 19, 2016
May 17, 2016
June 21, 2016
July 19, 2016
August 16, 2016
September 20, 2016
October 18, 2016
November 15, 2016
December 20, 2016

All Regular Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The regular meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M., prevailing time. A Work Session may be held before each Regular Meeting and will begin at 5:30 P.M., prevailing time. All meetings and work sessions will be held at the Benner Township Municipal Building, 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte, PA unless otherwise advertised.

Kelly Gill, Recording Secretary