

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eby
Tim Edkin
Steve Lanich
Jerry May

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 17, 2019, 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 four members present. Mr. Swales was absent. 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 August 20, 2019 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. May to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2019 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. Mr. Eby 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 \$635.19 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$4,984.69.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Hampton Hills Generator Installation – We have applied for the building/zoning permits to begin construction of the building to house the generator for the Hampton well. The digging of the footers commenced earlier today and we plan to have the generator operational by the beginning of 2020. Mr. Miller informed the Board that we will likely have to purchase louvers for the generator building since the Centre County Government may have thrown out the louvers that came with the generator.

New Source Development – Mr. Eby, Mr. Shura, Mr. Miller and Mr. McCamley attended a meeting with representatives of the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) on September 10, 2019 to discuss the possibility of developing a new water source on their property near the test track. The meeting went well and Mr. Miller indicated he believes the Authority may be given an opportunity to explore for a new water source in time. Mr. Eby indicated the Authority is to provide a synopsis to submit to PSU for presentation to their agricultural department. Mr. Shura is currently working on the synopsis and will provide it to Mr. McCamley and Mr. Miller for review and/or comment.

Mr. Miller reminded the Board that this will be a very large financial investment; however, it will be a great opportunity for long term growth.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Shura had nothing further to report.

GUESTS:

John Kostas – Mr. Kostas wanted to make the Board aware of a news broadcast he saw earlier today involving the spreading of biosolids on a farm in Antis Township, Blair County which is being contested by the local residents. Mr. Kostas indicated Altoona Water Authority's director of wastewater operations indicated the biosolids are safe and there is no reason for concern.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Budget – Mrs. Gill reminded the Board that preparation of the 2020 budget will be occurring shortly and the staff will need some direction for capital projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

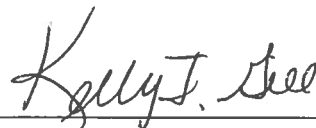
1. Mr. Shura, Mr. McCamley and Mr. Miller to work together in preparing a synopsis to provide to PSU for a potential new water source on their property within the Gatesburg formation.
2. Key Points of BTWA 09/17/19 meeting to be submitted to Benner Township Supervisors.
 - a. The BTWA will be providing PSU with a synopsis for a potential new water source on their property along Seibert Road.

Next regular scheduled meeting is October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Edkin moved, seconded by Mr. May to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 10/17/19

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