

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eby
Steve Lanich
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 October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Jerry May, Assistant Secretary, took Roll Call, recording four members present. Mr. Edkin was excused from the meeting. 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 September 17, 2019 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 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. May moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$1,817.97 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$8,444.68.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Hampton Hills Generator Installation – The building addition to house the generator has been roughed out and we are currently waiting for the doors and louvered vents to be delivered.

PA Small System Grant Program – The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced they are again accepting applications as part of the Small Water and Sewer Grant program. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the quotes from last round are being refreshed and we will be applying for a VFD at the Opequon well, radio telemetry for both systems and a new booster pump package for the Grove Park well. Applications will be accepted from mid-September through December 13, 2019.

2020 Budget – The staff will be working on the 2020 budget and will be accepting recommendations for capital projects over the next couple of weeks. The tentative 2020 budget will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

Hampton Hills Water Tank – Mr. Miller informed the Board that after further review of our records it was determined the Hampton Hills water tank is a glass lined, bolted steel tank and not stainless steel as previously suggested. The only maintenance would be to power wash the outside and inspect the inside. Mr. Miller suggested an internal inspection be completed within the next 5-10 years. Mr. Shura stated he can provide names of companies completing this type of work.

Grove Park Nitrate Levels – Mr. Miller provided the Board with the results of the nitrate level in the Grove Park well on October 3, 2019, which was 7.51 mg/l. This was anticipated with the low water table.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

New Source Development –Mr. Shura and Mr. McCamley have prepared a draft summary which has been forwarded to Mr. Miller for review and/or comment. The CADD staff is finalizing the exhibits. Mr. Shura asked if the Board would like to review the synopsis before it's provided to PSU and the Board stated yes. Mr. Miller will forward the draft to the Board members for their review. Mr. Shura stated he anticipated having the exhibits finalized later this week.

Mr. Eby expressed concern with the potential site being located within the Spring Creek Overlay which was recently re-instated into the Township's zoning. Discussion was held about the overlay and the impacts this may have on exploration for a new water source.

PA H2O Grant Funding – Mr. Shura informed the Board that once the project is further along, the Authority could apply for an H2O grant through the PA DCED. The minimum project cost for the H2O grant is \$500,000.

GUESTS: There were no Guests wishing to address the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Board Meeting Schedule - Mrs. Gill indicated the 2020 Board Meeting schedule was prepared based on holding the meetings at the Benner Township Municipal Building on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of the May 2020 meeting due to the conflict with the primary election. The May 19, 2020 Board meeting will be held at the office of the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the 2020 Board meeting schedule as presented and made a part of these official meeting minutes.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

ACTION ITEMS:

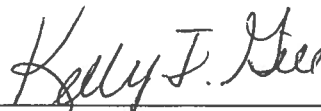
1. Mr. Shura, Mr. McCamley and Mr. Miller to finalize synopsis, email to Board members for their approval, then provide to PSU for a potential new water source on their property within the Gatesburg aquifer.
2. SBWJA staff to finalize grant application for submission to the PA DCED for a small water system grant.
3. Mrs. Gill to prepare 2020 tentative budget for approval at the November meeting.
4. Key Points of BTWA 10/15/2019 meeting to be submitted to Benner Township Supervisors.
 - a. The BTWA is finalizing synopsis to be provided to PSU for a potential new water source on their property along Seibert Road.
 - b. The BTWA is applying for a small water system grant for a VFD at the Opequon well, radio telemetry for both systems and a new booster pump package for the Grove Park well.

Next regular scheduled meeting is November 19th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. May to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 11/21/19

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October 15, 2019**

GUEST LIST

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Benner Township Water Authority 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule

January 21, 2020
February 18, 2020
March 17, 2020
April 21, 2020
May 19, 2020
June 16, 2020
July 21, 2020
August 18, 2020
September 15, 2020
October 20, 2020
November 17, 2020
December 15, 2020

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 with the exception of the May 19, 2020 meeting which will be held at the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Office Building, 170 Irish Hollow Road, Bellefonte, PA unless otherwise advertised.

Kelly Gill, Recording Secretary