

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eby
Tim Edkin
Andy Swales
Vacancy

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:42 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Tim Edkin, Secretary, took Roll Call, recording three members present. Mr. May was absent from the meeting. It was noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Authority Board. 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 July 21, 2020 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Swales to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Eby reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented and 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. Swales to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, the Paid Checks in the amount of \$1,966.38 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$7,276.59. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

The agenda was modified to allow the Guests to address the Board due to other appointments.

GUESTS:

Bellefonte Airport Property (RV Park) – Mr. Elnitski attended the meeting briefly to inform the Board of his willingness to grant land for the proposed new source on the Bellefonte Airport property and also provide an easement for an interconnect at no cost to the Authority. Mr. Elnitski stated he would like water service by Fall and if necessary, he could develop the well to the specifications of the Authority and then sell it to the Authority. At this point Mr. Elnitski wasn't concerned with having potable water for the RV Park and was requesting water for sewer service. He also stated he could always provide bottled water to the occupants in the meantime.

Mr. Shura stated he and Mr. Elnitski met on site just prior to this evening's meeting to review the potential site. Mr. Shura indicated that the PA DEP now requires the Authority/Municipality to own the property within the well head protection area and unfortunately a well being drilled on Bellefonte Airport property near the fault would require the purchase of additional land.

Mr. Elnitski indicated he needed to leave for another meeting, but provided his contact information for Mr. Shura so they could continue to discuss a potential site for the new source.

SBWJA REPORT:

Introduction of Will Barton – Mr. Miller took a moment to introduce Will Barton as the SBWJA Maintenance Crew Leader to the Benner Township Water Authority Board. Mr. Miller indicated Mr. Barton has worked for the SBWJA for three years and is a very talented individual.

Hampton Hills Tank – Mr. Miller informed the Board that we met with the tank builder on site on July 22, 2020 and it was determined that the tank needs drained to complete an internal inspection and determine the work required to fix the leaking bolts. This could involve tearing down the tank and rebuilding it. The PA DEP provided us with a contact at Tri-County Water Treatment that could assist with maintaining water service during the tank repairs. In order to drain the tank and maintain pressure in the system, pumps will need to be used along with some type of water storage. The fire hydrants will need to be bagged since they will be out of service during this time. The pumps and 5000 gallons of tank will be located at the well house. A 3” dedicated line will leave the well house and enter the temporary tanks and then tie back into the mainline.

Mr. Miller stated that a test run will be completed on September 2, 2020 to determine if the temporary storage tank and pumps can maintain pressure in the system. If the test run is successful the Hampton tank will be drained on September 11, 2020 and the inspection will occur over that weekend. We will then have to fill the tank and complete a bacteria test before the Hampton tank can be placed back into service. Any repairs will need to be completed at a later date due to the tank builder’s work schedule. The tank inspection costs \$1,500 and the water tank rental is \$2,000 per day, \$11,000 per week or \$17,000 per month. Mr. Miller indicated it will likely be a monthly rental.

Mrs. Gill stated that all affected customers will be contacted about conserving water during this time, which will likely involve a notice being hand delivered to each home.

Mr. Shura asked if the PA DEP requires a permit for this work and Mr. Miller stated a permit will need obtained for the repair.

PFAS Testing of Grove Park well – The Authority Board was provided with a copy of the results from the PFAS testing of the Grove Park well which indicated there was none detected. Mr. Miller indicated the shipping costs associated with the testing was more than the test itself.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Interconnect of the Hampton/Opequon and Grove Park Water Systems/New Source Development – Following the last meeting Mr. Shura, Mr. Miller and Mr. Elnitski met at the Bellefonte Airport property to review a possible location for a new source. It was determined that the fault is not in a location on the Bellefonte Airport property that will allow our Authority access to it. As discussed earlier in the meeting, a new source on Bellefonte Airport property would also require the purchase of additional property for the well head protection zone.

Mr. Miller stated that he suggested a good location for the new source would be on the Szeyller Family property where it borders Raymonds Lane. Mr. Shura presented a conceptual plan to the Authority Board which identified the proposed well on the Szeyller Family property and included several alternatives along with a funding/rate analysis for each alternative. The funding/rate analysis provided a monthly cost for each alternative that would be shared among existing customers or could include potential new customers.

Mr. Shura reviewed each alternative and its respective cost with the Authority Board. After a lengthy discussion the Board directed Mr. Shura to focus on Alternative 3 which identified developing a new water source on the Szeyller Family property and extending a 4" raw water line to the Grove Park water system. This alternative would cost approximately \$367,044 and would increase the current customer's bill by about \$7.05 per month. Mr. Miller stated he would like to see the water disinfected at the well site which would allow for a direct extension to the Bellefonte Airport property for their proposed RV Park. Mr. Miller stated the SBWJA maintenance staff could construct a disinfection building which would save expenses associated with paying prevailing rate. Mr. Shura will continue to explore alternative 3 and will report further information at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Lanich – We received a copy of a letter Steve Lanich sent to the Benner Township Supervisors tendering his resignation as Treasurer and member of the Benner Township Water Authority, effective immediately.

Nicholas Edwards/Joshua Stokes – We received letters from two inmates at SCI Benner indicating their dissatisfaction with the quality of the water provided to them. Mrs. Gill emailed those letters to the Corrections Utilities Supervisor and Water Treatment Plant Foreman since they provide water service to both prisons. Both indicated they would investigate the cause for the correspondence.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Response Plans – The Board was provided with a draft Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for each water system for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Edkin inquired about several sections of the ERP which will be modified and presented for final approval at the next meeting. Mrs. Gill stated these plans will need reviewed and updated on an annual basis as recommended by the PA DEP.

SCBWA Meeting Liaison – Mrs. Gill asked if anyone was interested in attending the SCBWA meetings as the Benner Township Water Authority liaison, which was previously held by Mr. Lanich. The 2020 meetings are being held virtually for the remainder of the year.

First National Bank Accounts Authorized Signers – Mrs. Gill has begun the process to have Mr. Lanich removed as an authorized signer for the Preferred Interest and Public Funds Money Market accounts at First National Bank. As a result, the signature card needs updated for each account. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Edkin to approve the following authorized signers for the Benner Township Water Authority's Preferred Interest and Public Funds Money Market accounts at First National Bank:**

**Thomas N. Eby, Chairman
Andrew C. Swales, Vice- Chairman
Jerrold S. May, Treasurer
Timothy R. Edkin, Secretary**

3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

ACTION ITEMS:

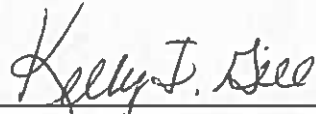
1. Brian Shura to continue gathering information for Alternative 3 which involves the development of a well on either the Szeyller Family property or the Bellefonte Airport property with a water line being extended to the Grove Park water system.
2. Mrs. Gill to modify the ERPs for both water systems.
3. Key Points of BTWA 08/18/20 meeting to be submitted to Benner Township Supervisors.
 - a. The BTWA tested for PFAS in the Grove Park well and none were detected.
 - b. Stiffler McGraw will continue gathering information for developing a well on the Szeyller Family property along Raymonds Lane or on the Bellefonte Airport property with a water line being extended to the Grove Park water system.
 - c. The Hampton Hills water tank is leaking around several bolts and will be drained in September for an internal inspection. We will be asking customers of the Hampton/Opequon water system to conserve water during this time.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Edkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 09/16/2020

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GUEST LIST

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