

**BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 17, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Capriani  
Tom Eby  
Steve Lanich  
Andrew Swales

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Warren Miller – SBWJA  
Kelly Gill - SBWJA

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Don Schwartz

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The March 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the February 17, 2009 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lanich reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented. The total-balance as of February 28, 2009 for all three bank accounts, including the maintenance bond for the Benner Elementary School, is \$117,955.36.

Mr. Eby asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented which includes the approval of Paid Checks in the amount of \$715.77 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$4,401.23. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

**SBWJA REPORT:**

**Right to Know Law** - Mr. Miller informed the Board that Richard Campbell has reviewed and approved the Right to Know Law Policies and Procedures that were approved by the Board during the February 2009 meeting.

**Grove Park Water System** - Mr. Miller informed the Board that recently he drove by the well house for the Grove Park Water system and noticed that the roof vent is smashed and some shingles are in need of repair. He has provided Dick Campbell with his concerns.

Mr. Miller also informed the Board that all parties have been working with Dick Campbell to prepare the "draft" reimbursement agreement, which was presented for review during the meeting. The Board requested Mr. Miller contact Mr. Campbell with the following concerns regarding the draft reimbursement agreement:

**Warranty** - The Board wants a warranty incorporated into the agreement due to the concerns with the recent replacement of the internal controls, hydrants being installed backwards and the necessary repair work to the well house. The warranty (maintenance bond) would be for 18 months and would represent 15% of the costs to construct the water system. Mr. Miller indicated Garen Smith may not want to tie up this amount of money and perhaps he would simply agree to repair, if necessary. Mr. Miller also indicated he would contact Garen Smith about completing the flow testing as soon as possible.

**Security Interest** - The Board would like clarification of the term "Security Interest" which was added by Robert Rayman on behalf of Grove Park Associates.

**5% Admin Fee for the Generator Purchase** - The Board wants the 5% administration fee for the generator removed from the draft agreement.

Mr. Miller will review the generator quotes and contact Ed Guenot to select a generator. He will also discuss the closest service station for the Kohler generators with Mr. Guenot.

As to Robert Rayman's request for the Authority issuing payment within 30 days of the lot tap connection date, the Board agrees with issuing payment within 30 days of **collecting the tap fee.**

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** See the attached Engineer's Report as presented for discussion and made a part of these official Minutes.

**Village of Peru** – Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that Mike Fetzer stopped by HRG's office recently regarding the H2O monies that would possibly be available to help upgrade their water system.

A meeting was held on 03/16/2009 at HRG with the interested parties from Peru, Tom Eby and Don Schwartz to discuss the issues with Peru's water system. The Village of Peru does not currently have an incorporated homeowner's association, which Mr. Schwartz indicated would have no realistic chance of managing a construction project or obtaining financing. According to the Peru residents that attended the meeting, not all homeowners connected to the water system are interested in upgrading their water system and there were concerns with how many residents would have to concur before anything could be completed. Mr. Schwartz suggested contacting the Authority's solicitor for further direction relating to the unincorporated homeowner's association.

Discussion was then held regarding the new prison at Rockview and whether or not there would be enough water to continue serving the residents of Peru. Mr. Miller indicated the prison is currently connecting the Benner Spring to the existing filtration plant in McBride Gap and he believes this will provide an adequate supply of water.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that a feasibility study would need to be completed before any funding could be obtained, if that is a direction the Authority would like to endure. Mr. Schwartz provided the Board with a proposal for the Peru Feasibility Study that included two options. Option 1 in the amount of \$8,000 would entail preparing the feasibility study to evaluate options for replacing the mainline, project options, costs, funding scenarios and potential user fees. Option 2 in the amount of \$11,000 would include all activities under Option 1 plus completion of the necessary documents to meet PennVest requirements. The Board informed Mr. Schwartz that they do not want to proceed with the Feasibility Study at this time without the majority interest of the Peru residents.

**GUESTS:** There were no Guests present.

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

**Mr. Swales left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2008 Audit** – Mr. Eby questioned the status of the 2008 audit. Mrs. Gill informed him that Parente Randolph started the audit on 03/12/2009 and was finished that same day. Mrs. Gill indicated she believes we will receive the draft audit for review during the April meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business presented for discussion.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

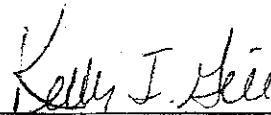
- ◆ Completion of the State Ethics Commission Forms for 2008
- ◆ Warren Miller will forward the recommended changes to the Grove Park water system agreement to Richard Campbell.

**Next regular scheduled meeting is April 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 4/22/2009