

BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Capriani
Steve Lanich
Gary Shultz
Andrew Swales

OTHER ATTENDEES: Warren Miller – SBWJA
Kelly Gill – SBWJA

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Don Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 19, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:39 P.M. by Andrew Swales, Vice-Chairman.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT: Mr. Swales welcomed Gary Shultz to the Water Authority Board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 21, 2009 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2009 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. The total balance as of April 30, 2009 for all three bank accounts, including the maintenance bond for the Benner Elementary School, is \$119,896.87. **Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Swales asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Swales moved, seconded by Mr. Lanich to approve the Paid Checks in the amount of \$270.59 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$2,509.82.** 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

SBWJA REPORT:

Grove Park Agreement – Mr. Miller recently spoke with Garen Smith regarding obtaining access to the well house to complete an inspection of the internal controls, which Mr. Smith indicated would be acceptable. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the fire hydrants have been corrected and Mr. Smith seemed acceptable to all of our concerns except the maintenance bond.

Mr. Smith is planning on completing Phase III this summer, which would make the development accessible from Seibert Road. Mr. Smith suggested waiting to finalize the agreement with our Authority and dedicating the system once the construction is complete. Mr. Miller indicated Mr. Smith will likely install plastic water main instead of the ductile iron piping that is required in our specifications. The Board questioned whether or not we could require the developer to install ductile iron piping for Phase III. Mr. Miller suggested the planning for this entire development was approved with a private water system; therefore, he didn't think we could enforce our specifications. The Board requested Mr. Miller contact Benner Township to confirm the approval process for developments that are proposing public water and whether or not we can enforce our specifications. If Benner Township does not have anything in place, the Board suggested having a member attend a Township meeting to discuss enforcing the issue.

Well Controls – Mr. Miller reported that for approximately one week we were experiencing difficulty with our tank overflowing on a daily basis. This was a result of the pressure transducer that controls the well accumulating air and affecting its accurate reading. We have installed additional snubbers, which seems to have alleviated the problem. Mr. Miller also informed the Board that the weekend of May 16th, we were completing the weekend check of the water system and noticed the Hampton well was not running. We had a wire burn out on the Hampton well control, which was immediately corrected.

Quality Complaint – Mr. Miller informed the Board that he has not heard anything further from the residents of 360 Millgate Road regarding the reddish-orange stain around their plumbing fixtures. A representative from Culligan has contacted Mr. Miller to discuss the homeowner's complaint. Mr. Miller will contact the homeowner to follow up on whether the stains have been eliminated.

Analytical Testing – Mr. Miller reported that we have completed the various analytical testing that is required by PA DEP, which includes VOCs, SOCs and IOCs. We are currently waiting for the results; however, Mr. Miller doesn't foresee any problems. The testing will cost the Authority approximately \$1,000.00 this year.

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 – Don Schwartz indicated there were no updates on the Village of Peru.

GUESTS: There were no Guests present.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence presented for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 Audit – Mr. Capriani questioned whether anything further had to be completed for the 2008 Audit. The Draft 2008 audit was approved during the previous meeting, without changes; therefore, Parente Randolph has provided us with official copies. Mrs. Gill informed the Board that she mailed the 2008 Audit and 2008 DCED Report to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development as required.

Graphs – Mr. Swales inquired about the status of the graphs that Mr. Miller offered to prepare to chart daily water usage. Mr. Miller assured Mr. Swales that he would work on getting this completed soon.

Opequon Hill Phase I – The Board inquired about the status of the corrections to the water appurtenances within Phase I of Opequon Hill. Mr. Miller stated that nothing has been completed to date. Mrs. Gill informed the Board that she recently spoke with Renee Swancer who indicated there were several other items that the developer had to correct before the Township would take over the streets.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- ◆ Warren Miller will prepare graphs to chart daily water usage.
- ◆ Warren Miller will contact Benner Township regarding Developers building to our specifications.

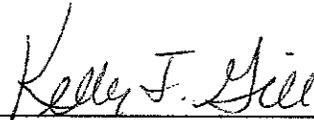
Next regular scheduled meeting is June 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lanich indicated he will not be able to attend the next meeting. Mr. Capriani stated he may not be available to attend the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Capriani moved, seconded by Mr. Shultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 07/22/2009



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Re: Status Report - Engineering Activities

Dear Authority Members:

The following summarizes our recent activities on behalf of the Benner Township Water Authority.

Retainer (1494.000)

There were no activities under the retainer agreement in the past month.

Act 57 Tapping Fee Report (1494.007)

Once a reimbursement agreement has been signed by the owner of the Grove Park system and itemized documentation is received to support the cost to construct the system, the draft Act 57 tapping fee report can be finalized.

Very truly yours,

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

Donald Schwartz
Project Manager

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