

# **BENNER TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 21, 2009**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Warren Miller – SBWJA  
Kelly Gill – SBWJA  
Gary Shultz

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Don Schwartz

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The April 21, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Benner Township Water Authority was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Tom Eby, Chairman.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the March 17, 2009 regular meeting were presented for review. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lanich reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented. The total balance as of March 31, 2009 for all three bank accounts, including the maintenance bond for the Benner Elementary School, is \$116,826.44.

Mr. Eby asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Paid Checks or Bills by Vendor submitted for approval. **Mr. Eby moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented which includes the approval of Paid Checks in the amount of \$243.31 and Bills by Vendor in the amount of \$3,303.12. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

**SBWJA REPORT:**

**Gary Shultz** – Mr. Miller informed the Board that Gary Shultz, a resident of Opequon Hills, is interested in filling the vacancy on the Benner Township Water Authority Board. Mr. Shultz introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief history of his experience, which included serving on the Spring Township Water Authority Board.

**Quality Complaint** – Mr. Miller informed the Board that he received our first quality complaint from a resident of 360 Millgate Road (Hampton Hills). The homeowners are experiencing a reddish-orange stain around their plumbing fixtures and were told by Culligan that it was a lack of chlorine in the water system. Mr. Miller obtained a free chlorine residual of .70 ppm; therefore, there is sufficient chlorine in the system. Mr. Miller investigated the problem and believes the water softener regeneration tank is the problem. He made some suggestions to the homeowners and they will be contacting us at a later time to see if there are any changes.

**Jack Spearly** – Mr. Miller was recently contacted by Jack Spearly, Seibert Road, regarding the possibility of obtaining water service to his property that borders Hampton Hills Subdivision. Mr. Spearly indicated there are three vacant lots that he was inquiring about water service for. Mr. Miller suggested that perhaps a right-of-way may be obtained from the Hampton Hills Homeowners Association through the vacant lot that is currently occupied by an electric line. Mr. Miller informed the Board that this would be a great opportunity for extending the main line to the Seibert Road area for future use. Mr. Spearly is currently considering this as an option.

**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.

**GUESTS:**

**Gary Shultz** – Mr. Shultz informed the Board that he would be interested in filling the vacancy on the Benner Township Water Authority Board. The Board requested Mrs. Gill contact Sharon Royer and request that Gary Shultz be appointed to the Water Authority by the Benner Township Supervisors.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grove Park Water System Agreement** – Mr. Miller informed the Board that he contacted Garen Smith to obtain access to the water system to complete the flow testing; however, Mr. Smith does not want our Authority completing the flow testing until after an agreement is in place. Garen Smith also stated he is not interested in providing any type of maintenance bond or guarantee of material or workmanship.

The Board discussed the proposed agreement and suggested the following:

**Improper Installation of Hydrants** - There are two (2) hydrants that were installed backwards and must be corrected by Grove Park Associates.

**Pump House Inspection** – The Board would like Warren Miller to complete an inspection of the pump house to review the new controls for the high service pump. Several Board members would like to attend the inspection.

**Maintenance Bond** - The Board is willing to forgo the maintenance bond at this time; however, the flow testing must be completed at a later date, but prior to the Authority accepting ownership of the system.

**Ten Year Reimbursement Period** – The Board wants to maintain the ten (10) year reimbursement period for any connections outside of the development as specified in Act 57.

**Asbuilts/Well Drillers Log** - The Board would like copies of asbuilts for the water system, along with the well driller's log.

Mr. Miller will contact Garen Smith to schedule the inspection of the pump house and Mrs. Gill will contact Richard Campbell with the changes/additions.

**Mr. Swales entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m.**

**Grove Park Water System Generator** - The Board inquired about the use of a propane generator in lieu of a diesel generator since the cost is several thousand dollars less. Mr. Miller will look into the use of a propane generator.

**May Meeting** – Mr. Eby informed the Board that he will be unable to attend the 05/19/09 meeting due to work commitments and will not return until the evening of 05/20/09. He reminded the Board that the Board of Elections would be using the municipal building on 05/19/09; therefore, we would have to either reschedule the meeting or move the meeting to the picnic pavilion as previously discussed. The Board decided to maintain the 05/19/09 meeting; however, move the location to the picnic pavilion to avoid the costs of advertising the changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Opequon Hill Phase I** - Tom Kulakowski has approached Benner Township about dedicating the streets within Opequon Hill Phase I to the Township; however, they do not want to take over the streets until the water appurtenances are corrected. Mr. Miller informed the Board that Tom K. contacted him about working with the Authority to correct the valve boxes that currently protrude approximately 12"-18" above ground, but cannot be lowered. Mr. Miller suggested this could only be corrected by bringing in fill or raising the bed around the valve boxes. Mr. Miller will look into what is needed.

**2008 Draft Audit** – Mr. Eby suggested the Board review the draft 2008 audit and asked if there were any questions. **Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Eby to approve the Draft 2008 Audit as presented.** 4 ayes, 0 nay, 1 vacancy. **The motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

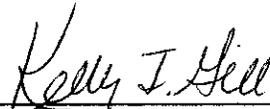
- ◆ Warren Miller will contact Garen Smith to obtain access to the Grove Park Water System Pump House to complete an inspection and contact the Board members with the date/time.
- ◆ Kelly Gill will forward the comments/concerns regarding the Grove Park Agreement to Richard Campbell.
- ◆ Warren Miller will inquire about a propane generator for Grove Park Water System in lieu of a diesel generator.

**Next regular scheduled meeting is May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Lanich moved, seconded by Mr. Capriani to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly J. Gill, Recording Secretary

CC: Benner Township 05/20/2009

April 21, 2009

Benner Township Water Authority  
1224 Buffalo Run Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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)**

As noted in last month's report, a meeting was scheduled to be held on March 16 at HRG with residents of the village of Peru to discuss the potential line replacement project. Several residents and Chairman Eby were in attendance. The legal, administrative and financial issues involved with the project were discussed. In particular, it was noted that the residents had no realistic chance of constructing the new line by themselves, and would likely have to become part of the Authority. It was suggested that some form of petition or other written request be submitted to the Authority, with at least a majority of the property owners in favor of the project. To date, there has been no further contact by the homeowners with HRG. HRG also submitted a proposal to the Authority at last month's meeting to conduct a feasibility study for the Peru project. The fees listed in the proposal could be lowered if the Authority conducts some of the up-front research (contact with the Prison, etc.) necessary to complete the study.

**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