

SPRING TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 27, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Spring Township Water Authority of February 27, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Douglas Weikel, Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

Authority Members: Doug Weikel, Gary Catalano, Raymond Smith & Greg Myers
Solicitor: John Miller III - Not Present
Supervisors: None Present
Township Manager: William MacMath – Not Present
Water Operator: Greg Yearick
Engineer: Andrew Johnson – Gwin Dobson & Foreman Inc.
Guests: Michael & Jordon Confer

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Michael Confer remarked he and his son Jordon were present because his son is taking a government course at college and needs to attend 14 hours of governmental meetings. The Authority welcomed him.

Warren Miller – SBWJA – Telemetry Project – Mr. Miller was present to discuss the Telemetry System Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) will be installing, and address the five questions/concerns the Authority had in their letter dated November 1, 2007 submitted by Gwin Dobson Foreman. Mr. Miller addressed the five questions/concerns The Authority reported in their letter dated November 1, 2007.

(1) The Authority wants a formal agreement releasing them of any liability regarding damage of equipment or personal injury. Mr. Miller reported SBWJA will provide a formal agreement.

(2) The Authority is requesting written approval from the current owners of the cellular equipment that the Telemetry System would not interface with their equipment. Mr. Miller reported this has already been addressed with Cingular and he provided The Authority with a copy of the e-mails he had with Cingular and their approval.

(3) The Authority questioned if the system would have the capability to transmit the water storage tank levels to other sites for use by The Authority, and if there would be a cost to include the capability of transmitting the tank signal. What would the cost be to include a remote unit at the Carles Well to control the well pump at that site? Mr. Miller reported yes, the system would work for The Authority also. The Authority would need to purchase the remote unit only. Cost would be \$7,500 to \$8,000 per site. Mr. Miller also reported he would confirm if the repeater would be able to accept The Authority's tank signal.

(4) The Authority requested details of equipment mounting and installation including attachments to tank, mounting of equipment, burial of underground conduits and providing of

electrical power. Mr. Miller reported SBWJA would provide the mounting and installation information to The Authority once they got the equipment. Andy Johnson, Engineer, reported The Authority would want to see, review and approve the mounting of the equipment.

(5) The Authority questioned if there would be any type or form of consideration provided to The Authority for the use of the tank. Mr. Miller reported he feels The Authority and SBWJA should work together and can work out arrangements to help each other. Mr. Miller questioned if he had the Authority's approval to move forward. The Authority agreed for Mr. Miller to proceed with the project and they agree the two Authority's can work together.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

It was on a motion of Raymond Smith seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the minutes for January 23, 2008 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Raymond Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January/February 2008 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Raymond Smith to approve the bills for the month of January/February 2008 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

REPORT ON WORK PERFORMED:

Greg Yearick – Hours for work performed for the Water Authority by Greg Yearick, Operator, was submitted by Greg Yearick and is on file for review.

Molly Baird - Report on work performed for the Water Authority by Molly Baird, Secretary, was submitted by Molly Baird and is on file for review.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

GWIN DOBSON FOREMAN, INC. – Andrew Johnson, Engineer, had no written report this month. However, reported verbally on the following:

Leak Detection & Line Locator Equipment – Andy Johnson reported Greg Yearick, Operator, has borrowed a Leak Detector and Line Locator from PRWA. Greg had asked him to check on prices for purchasing. Andy reported he checked on the same equipment through USA Blue Book and the prices are no better, but the equipment is good. Leak Detector is \$1,885.00 the Line Locator is \$857.00. Andy also reported he feels USA Blue Book does have the best price which would be approximately \$2,800 for both pieces of equipment. The Authority agreed for Greg to purchase the equipment through USA Blue Book.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Radio Read Boxes – New Construction Only – Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported it was discussed at a previous meeting about The Authority starting to purchase the boxes for new construction only to eventually switch to the radio read meters. In order to do this the Rules and Regulations would need revised. The Authority requested Andy Johnson, Engineer, to revise the Rules & Regulations to include the change and have for The Authority to review at their next meeting scheduled for March 26th, 2008.

Boyer & Ritter – 2007 Audit Fee Acceptance Letter – Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported a letter was received from Boyer & Ritter that their cost for performing the Audit for 2007 will increase to \$5,000.00 and if The Authority agrees, the letter of acceptance needs to be signed and returned. This was discussed at last months meeting and The Authority agreed to keep Boyer & Ritter. The increase is due to changes in the auditing standards regulations requiring additional paperwork and hours. After brief discussion the Authority agreed the cost is reasonable. It was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Greg Myers to approve the cost for the 2007 Audit. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Leak Detection & Metal Detector Equipment – Already discussed under Engineer's Report. Agreed for Greg Yearick to purchase through USA Blue Book.

Prices on Repairing Axemann Spring – Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported two quotes were received in sealed envelopes.

- (1) David Witherite – \$4,960.00
252 E. College Avenue, Pleasant Gap, PA
- (2) Dutrow Building & Remodeling - \$5,800.00
127 Strawberry Hill Road, Centre Hall, PA

Gary Catalano, Board Member, questioned if the quotes included using treated furring strips. Greg Yearick, Operator, reported yes. It was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Greg Myers to approve the quote submitted by David Witherite in the amount of \$4,960.00. Greg Yearick to notify Mr. Witherite.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Extension & Improvements - No Report.
Financial Committee – No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Resolution – Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported last month it was discussed to pass a Resolution honoring Jack Bell, former Board Member, for all his years of service on The Authority, a draft resolution was provided for the Boards review. After brief discussion, it was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the Resolution and to purchase two frames. One to display in the Township meeting room and the other to be given to Jack. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Hydrant Connection – Greg Yearick, Operator, reported he was asked by the Pleasant Gap Fire Company that any new hydrants that are installed if the Authority could have a “Stewart” connection instead of the threaded connection. This would make it easier for the Fire Company to hook up to when needed for emergencies. After some discussion, The Authority requested the Fire Company submit their request in writing for the Board to consider. No further discussion.

WORK SESSION:

No Work Session scheduled at this time.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Greg Myers to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary