

Centre County Planning Meeting – Mr. W. Miller indicated that he will be attending the Centre County Planning Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on 3/15/2016 to express SBWJA's concerns with Bellefonte Borough's proposed sewer treatment plant upgrades. It was noted that Nittany Engineering & Associates did not attend the Spring Township Planning Commission meeting on 2/22/2016 to present Bellefonte Borough Authority's Special Study for the proposed upgrades to their Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Bellefonte Borough 4th Quarter 2015 Billing – Mr. W. Miller indicated that the Authority has been asking Bellefonte Borough for clarification with the 4th quarter 2015 bill. The first discrepancy was a \$10,000.00 bill from AECOM Technical Services. We believe this firm was hired to assist Bellefonte Borough and determine why they are not saving any electricity with JCI's \$1.4 million energy efficiency upgrade. Mr. W. Miller expressed to Mr. Mix how SBWJA should not be liable for Bellefonte's legal battle with their contractor.

The second issue with Bellefonte's bill would be the engineering fees for the Act 537 special study that they are invoicing us at the O&M rate which our proportionate share is 73% this quarter. Mrs. Gill emailed Lori Walker asking why this is being billed at the O&M rate instead of a Capital Improvement. Ms. Walker indicated to Mrs. Gill that DEP required this study. Mr. W. Miller stated that this is a new process and DEP required the Borough to complete the study because they are proposing to completely change their treatment plant process, which requires the study and would be considered a Capital Improvement. Mrs. Gill informed the Board that she also emailed Ralph Stewart regarding Ms. Walker's interpretation and that Mr. Stewart to date has not responded to this matter.

Mrs. Gill informed the Board that the Commonwealth needed the 4th quarter bill by 3/11/2016 and our auditors would be coming the following week; therefore, we needed these items to be finalized before we can close out our 2015 finances. At the Commonwealth's request, their 4th quarter 2015 invoice was generated based on the Borough bill received to avoid further delays. SBWJA will incorporate any adjustments to the Borough's 4th quarter 2015 bill into the Commonwealth's 1st quarter 2016 billing. Mrs. Gill expressed her frustrations with the untimeliness of the Borough's 4th quarter 2015 billing and the affects it has on our Authority and the Commonwealth.

Biosolids – Mr. Hughes asked what was taking place with the biosolids land application at the Spicer Farm in Benner Township. Mr. W. Miller indicated that DEP has approved Bellefonte Borough's application permit to land apply biosolids on the Spicer Farm near Grove Printing. It was noted that Bellefonte land applies 100% of the biosolids generated at the plant and that this would be the fifth farm that is involved with this process. The treatment plant operator, Bob Cook, informed Mr. W. Miller that grit is the only item hauled away to the landfill. The residents surrounding the Spicer Farm have many concerns with their wells being contaminated by the biosolids that are applied to the farm fields; however, DEP has implemented a 300 foot buffer around all private water sources in the land application process. **Mark Stephens from DEP had indicated during a Benner Township Water Authority (BTWA) meeting that he is not too concerned with the land**

application process due to the regulations that are enforced. Mr. W. Miller also indicated that Andrew Swales, Geologist, from the BTWA did not feel the water sources would be affected by the land application process. The BTWA will submit comments to DEP regarding this matter.

Mr. Onufrak suggested an alternative way to stop the land application would be for BTWA to pay for the biosolids to be hauled to a landfill for disposal instead of being land applied if they are worried about potential contamination.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Bellefonte Borough – Mr. Mix indicated that he will meet with Mr. W. Miller to discuss several issues regarding Bellefonte Borough.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Annual Chapter 94 Report – Mr. Johnson presented the Board with the annual Chapter 94 Report for 2015 and referenced some key points. In 2015, the peak three-month hydraulic loading to the system was 795,675 gpd, which did not include Rockview. The Authority's ratio of peak three-month flow to annual average flow for 2015 was 1.04, which is an indication of a tight system.

The number of EDUs billed by the Authority increased from 6,589 in 2014 to 6,685 in 2015. In 2016, the Authority is projecting the addition of 93 EDUs through developer and/or individual connections to the system.

In 2015, over 227,679 linear feet (43.12 miles) of gravity sewer was inspected and recorded and 190,000 linear feet (35.98 miles) was cleaned.

In 2015, the Authority completed an in-home sewer inspection of 232 properties and approximately 12% of the inspections resulted in problems that were identified and corrected.

Mr. Johnson reviewed Table 5 within the Chapter 94 Report, which included the average and peak flows not including Rockview. The annual average not including Rockview was 767,216. The annual average including Rockview was 1,385,831 with a 3-month average peak of 1,480,726 and a 3-month average to average daily flow (ADF) ratio of 1.07.

Mr. T. Miller commended Mr. Johnson and the SBWJA staff on their preparation and explanation of the Chapter 94 Report. **Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. McMurtrie to approve the Annual Chapter 94 Report for the 2015 calendar year as presented.** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Benner Pike Sewer Extension – Mr. Smeltzer asked when the Benner Pike Sewer Extension will begin. Mr. W. Miller indicated that the Authority is still waiting for three