

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 1999**

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Helen Alters present. Also in attendance were Renee McGowan, Doug Weikel, Walter Houtz and Clare Houtz.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman: Mr. Lahr moved that Mr. Kelleher continue to be Chairman for the year 1999. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Kelleher - yes

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Alters moved that Mr. Lahr continue to be Vice-Chairman for the year 1999. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Roadmasters: Mr. Kelleher moved that all three supervisors be roadmasters for the year 1999. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Secretary Treasurer: Mr. Kelleher moved to re-appoint Sharon Royer as the township's secretary treasurer for 1999. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

SEO: Mr. Lahr moved to re-appoint Ralph Houck as the township's SEO for 1999. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Back - up SEO: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Jason Wert as the township's back-up SEO. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Zoning Officer: Mr. Lahr moved to re-appoint Renee McGowan as the township's Zoning Officer. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Solicitor: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint the firm of Miller Kistler, Campbell, Miller & Williams, Inc. with the principal attorney being Terry Williams. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Engineering Firm: Mr. Lahr moved to re-appoint the Engineering firm of HRG for the year 1999, with the principal engineer for the township being Doug Weikel. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Bank: Mr. Kelleher moved to re-appoint Mid State Bank as the township's bank for 1999.

Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Commission Coordinating Committee

Representative: Mr. Kelleher moved that Mr. Lahr be re-appointed to this committee for 1999. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr -yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Coordinating Committee Alternate: Mr. Lahr moved that Mr. Kelleher be appointed as the alternate. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Appointment of Road Crew: Mr. Kelleher moved to re-appoint Norman Corl, Gerald Corl, Harold Meyer and Patrick Bernhard as the township's road crew for 1999. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mrs. Alters moved to appoint Mr. Lahr as the township's Convention voting delegate for 1999. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Water Authority:

Mr. Lahr moved to re-appoint Ken Schleiden to the Benner Township Water Authority for an additional 5 year term. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Spring/Benner/Walker Joint Authority: This item is tabled until later in the meeting.

Appointment of Township CPA:

Mrs. Alters moved to appoint the firm of Leoniak, Bair & Co. to do the Township's 1998 year end audit. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Auditor: Mrs. Alters moved to appoint Brian Book to the vacant position of township auditor. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Park & Rec. Director: Mr. Kelleher moved to appoint the following persons Directors of Park & Recreation for Benner Township – Dale Moore, Helen Alters and Michelle Yoko. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Dates/Times: Mr. Lahr moved to continue holding the Board's meetings the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. July 1's meeting will be held on July 6th and September 1's meeting will be held on Sept. 7th due to the holidays. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

Work Sessions: Mr. Kelleher moved to schedule the Board's work sessions the first Thursday each month as needed at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

ADJOURNMENT

The reorganization meeting was adjourned the time being 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 4, 1999**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Helen Alters present. Also in attendance were Renee McGowan, Doug Weikel, Walter Houtz and Clare Houtz.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 21, 1998, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

BILLS

The bills of January 4, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mrs. Alters moved to approve the bills as presented to the Board. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters - yes Mr. Lahr - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes

It was noted that due to changes in the Sunshine Law, the Board would be entertaining persons to address the board prior to any business taking place at their meetings.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Walter & Clare Houtz: The Houtz's were present to ask the Board if they could answer any questions regarding the proposed sewerline that is to be installed in Spring Creek. The Board told the Houtz's that they need to go and talk to the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over the various plans that he has been reviewing for the township.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Barden Homes: It was noted that a violation notice was sent to Vicki Hook regarding using her home as a business.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: A copy of the Zoning Ordinance amendments were given to the Board for their review. It was noted that the Planning Commission will be reviewing these amendments at their meeting on January 21st.

Camper being used as a home: Discussion was held regarding the gentleman who is living in the camper which is located on the Fred Lohr property. Mrs. McGowan noted that she would check with the solicitor to see what the township can do regarding this situation.

Harry Hutchenson: Mrs. Alters asked what the status is of Mr. Hutchenson filing his rental forms. Discussion was held. Mrs. McGowan noted that she will continue to try to reach him.

Rental Definitions: The Board noted that they would like to have a definition for rental units that deals with the limitation on the number of unrelated people living in one dwelling unit.

Spring Creek – Bridge: Mrs. Alters asked Mrs. McGowan what the status is on the dilapidated bridge along Spring Creek. Mrs. McGowan noted that this matter is now in the hands of DEP. Mrs. McGowan gave Mrs. Alters the man's phone number that is handling the matter.

Building Permit Report: Mrs. Alters questioned the status of the building permit report that the county is requesting. Mrs. McGowan noted that this report has been completed and was forwarded to the county.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Appointment: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Thomas Bickett to the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority as Benner Township's third representative. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Sewage Management District Ordinance: The proposed Sewage Management District Ordinance for Spring Creek was opened for public discussion. No comments were received from the public. Mr. Kelleher moved to adopt Ordinance 73. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Fox Hill Road Bonding: Tabled.

Water Emergency Resolution: Proposed Resolution 99-1 was given to the Board for their review. This resolution sets up the rules and regulations for water buffalo service for the township should the township need to declare a water emergency. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Resolution 99-1. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Part-Time Police Protection: Discussion was held regarding checking with Spring Township to see if the township could receive part-time police protection from them. Mr. Kelleher noted that he would contact Frank Royer to discuss this matter.

Township Insurance: It was noted that the decision was made to stay with Kilmer Insurance Agency for the Township's insurance. After a more through review of the proposals, it was noted that the coverage was better and the cost lower.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. PSATS Alert
2. Proposal from Evanko-Renwick Engineering
3. SBWJA Minutes of November 23, 1998
4. Satisfaction Notice from Sewer Line Loan
5. Notice that SBWJA is requesting a NPDES Permit for Discharge of Stormwater

NOTES

Truck Specs: Mr. Kelleher noted that the truck specifications for the new truck should be ready to be put out for bid soon.

Garage Doors: Mr. Kelleher noted that the Road crew is checking to see if an additional door can be added to the side of the garage to make parking of the trucks easier.

Brush Cutting: It was noted that the road crew will rent this brush cutter later on in the winter when things seem to slow down.

Chipper Rental: Mr. Kelleher noted that Huston Township is interested in renting the Township's chipper. Huston Township has indicated that they are willing to purchase their own set of knives to use as not to damage the townships. It was noted that a rental agreement form would need to be drafted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:40 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.