

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
September 7, 1999

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with member Richard Lahr present. Mrs. Alters was absent. Also in attendance were Renee McGowan, Bob Koontz and Peggy Koontz.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bob & Peggy Koontz: Mr. & Mrs. Koontz were present to express concerns that they had on the fence that the Holt's erected along the front of the property. They noted that with where the fence is located it blocks the view of cars traveling down Gyp Road creating a safety hazard. Mrs. McGowan reported that the Holts have been notified that the fence will need to be lowered or removed.

Mr. & Mrs. Koontz also expressed concerns with Holt's dogs barking for extended periods of times and the smell of the pens. Mrs. McGowan informed the Koontz' that they would need to tape-record the dogs barking for evidence to submit with a citation. Mrs. McGowan noted she would check with other agencies to see if anything could be done regarding the smell of the animal waste.

Mr. & Mrs. Koontz additionally expressed concerns regarding Holts and Yosts burning outside the limitations of the Township's burning ordinance. Mrs. McGowan noted that she would look into this matter.

MINUTES

The minutes of August 16, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of September 7, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Fullington Bus: Mrs. McGowan gave the Board an update on the Fullington Bus situation. Mr. Lahr noted that he saw the tanker truck on the premises again over the weekend. Mrs. McGowan noted that she would follow up on this report.

Mattas Motors: It was noted that Mattas Motors stoned and paved areas that they shouldn't have on their lots on the Benner Pike. A meeting is going to be scheduled with Mr. Mattas and the Township Engineer to discuss this matter.

Dawson: It was noted that Mr. Dawson will again be contacted regarding his parking of trailers on his property.

Centre Peace: It was noted that Centre Peace has been contacted regarding parking of several trailers on the property and selling items from it.

Hook: Mrs. McGowan noted that Vicki Hook is still operating her business on Kavas Circle. Mr. Williams is checking into this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Rezoning Request from Bohn: It was noted that this item is tabled until the Board receives the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Fire Training Facility: This item was tabled.

Hampton Hills Memo of Understanding: The Board reviewed the proposed Hampton Hills plan. This subdivision is proposing public sewers and a community water system. The Board asked that a meeting be set up between this developer, the Crestview Developers, the School and the Water Authorities to discuss public water in this area. The tentative date of this meeting is October 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Print Map: Discussion was held regarding fixing of the errors on the PRINT maps. Mr. Kelleher moved to hire someone outside the office staff to finishing fixing the mistakes on the PRINT maps. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Alters – absent Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

NEW BUSINESS

Road Bonding for Superior Lumber: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the road bonding for Superior Lumber for Purdue Mt. Road. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Alters – absent Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the Engineering Agreement with HRG for the road bonding for Purdue Mt./Superior Lumber. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Alters – absent Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Twelve Year Plan: The Board was in receipt of a letter from CRMPO asking the Board what they feel is the most important road project is that needs to be addressed. It was the Board's consensus that the intersection of 550 and Fillmore Road should be the project that needs placed on the list.

Airport Area Improvement Association Easement Transfer Agreement: The agreement turning ownership of the AAIA over to Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority was presented to the Board for their signatures. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve and sign this agreement. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Alters – absent Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Retirement Letter from Jack Rimer: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Jack Rimer informing the Board that he wishes to retire from the Water Authority. Mr. Kelleher noted that he has spoken with Mr. Rimer who noted that he would remain on the Board if the other vacant positions are filled so his absence over the winter isn't a hardship on getting things done. Mr. Lahr noted that he would check to see if this is possible.

Playground Structure: Mr. Lahr noted that several holes will need to be dug for the playground structure to be put up. Mr. Kelleher moved to rent a power auger to dig the holes for the equipment. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Employee Health Insurance: It was noted that the township has received notice from Capital Blue Cross that a substantial rate increase will take place starting with the October billing. Mr. Kelleher moved to check into changing the employees' health insurance to another plan. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

C. S. Berenty Contracts: Mr. Kelleher moved to check with Sam Stout to see if he would be interested in doing the projects that Mr. Berenty was going to do if they are not completed by September 15th. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Kelleher moved to get quotes from Sam Stout to secure the office window, trim the new heating/air units and flip the aerial photo. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. County Comment Letters
 - a. Centre Communications Subdivision and Land Development
2. Letter from the Fish Commission to Wilt Re: Erosion Control work complete
3. SCBWA Letter Re: fueling station Fullington Bus
4. SCBWA letter Re: Wellfield Tour
5. Centre County Airport Authority minutes 7/8/99
6. HRG Letters:
 - a. Mattas Motors Showroom & Dunlap Ford
 - b. Fullington Bus

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:45 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.