

**Benner Township Supervisors  
February 7, 2000**

***\*\*It was noted that the Conditional Use request of Real Time Devices has been withdrawn.***

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Renee McGowan, Tracy Gardner, Dan Abruzzo, Ken Kemp, Tom Walker, Robert Kuhlman and Kelly Harris.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Tracey Gardner: The Fullington Bus surety package was presented to the Board. It was noted that Mr. Green has spoken with the Bonding Company representative regarding the language of the surety bond. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the surety bond as long as Mr. Green is satisfied with the language modification. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

Fullington Bus Plan: It was noted that Doug Weikel, Anson Burwell, and Renee McGowan have all reviewed the plan and found that all the items have been addressed.

It was also noted that the building permit for the fueling facility has yet to be issued.

Mr. Breon moved to approve the Fullington Bus Plan. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

Fillmore Farms: The Fillmore Farms Preliminary Plan was presented to the Board. Ms. McGowan noted that all of the remaining items have been addressed. Mr. Breon moved to approve the Fillmore Farms Preliminary Plan. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

General Aviation Terminal Building Plan: Mr. Harris was present to present the General Aviation Terminal Building Plan to the Board. All of the outstanding items have been addressed. The Board was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harris stating that the University has agreed to close the existing gravel driveway the Board has concerns with by putting an earthen berm across the opening and seeding it to prevent use.

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the General Aviation Terminal Building Plan. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

The Board called for a five-minute recess from 8:05 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

## MINUTES

The minutes of January 17, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes with the following changes:

**Page 1:** Doug Deiber to *Deibler*

**Page 2:** Spicer Welding: Add clarification that the welding shop is a grandfather use. Mr. Spicer will have to request a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board to expand their use. Mr. Spicer will also have to complete a Land Disposition/Land Development Plan for the expansion.

Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – abstained      Mr. Kelleher – yes

## BILLS

The bills of February 7, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

\*The Board asked the Secretary not to mail the checks to Noerr's for the payment of the new truck until everything has been fixed on it.

## ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Sign Ordinance: It was noted that this was given to Mr. French to review and comment.

Grandview Plan: Ms. McGowan noted that she attended a meeting at the county regarding the Grandview Development. Mr. Stewart from Sweetland Engineering stated at this meeting that the new connection road with Benner Pike won't be constructed until Phase II of the project. Grandview is also requesting a zoning amendment in Spring Township for a portion of the property from C-1 to R-4.

The County is recommending that the Developer consider an internal road system. To date, no traffic impact study has been done for this project.

SEDA COG Rail: It was noted that SEDA COG has submitted their stormwater management plan for the rail extension in the Township. Mr. Weikel is currently reviewing the submission. Ms. McGowan noted that there are joint permit items that must be submitted and will need to research these items further.

Driveway Permits: Ms. McGowan noted that she has received two driveway permits to review.

## OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Fire Training Facility: Tabled.

Employee Handbook: Mr. Kelleher recommended that job descriptions be included in the handbook. Mr. Lahr stated that reference should be made in the handbook that the Township also has a CDL Policy which must be adhered to.

Road Abandonment: The secretary noted that she has contacted Dave Fisher from Penn Dot to see what would need to be done in order to cul-de-sac Beezer Hill Road. It was noted that a 40' radius cul-de-sac would need to be installed and that a permit from Penn Dot would need to be obtained.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Penn Eagle Traffic Signal: The secretary noted that she received phone calls from Bill Miller and Ron Turner of Penn Dot regarding a traffic signal going into Penn Eagle. Mr. Turner said that CCCBIC has agreed to purchase the traffic light. He stated that before the light can be ordered and installed someone must agree to commit to the maintenance agreement for it. Mr. Turner said that he recommends that \$1,000 per year be budgeted for electric and \$1,000 per year for maintenance. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Chamber to see if they are willing to sign and commit to this agreement.

Mr. Miller also noted that the betterment project is only going down to about where Mansun Bus is located and traffic signals are beyond the scope of what they will be doing.

C-Net Website: Mr. Breon noted that he has contacted C-Net about their internet website service. He further noted that they quoted him a fee of \$200 per year for a website that is unlimited in size. C-Net said that they would be getting back in touch with him in March. The data would be entered and updated by the Township.

Summer Park & Rec.: The Secretary noted that the question has been raised as to who will be handling organizing Summer Park & Rec. The Board stated that Michelle should come to an upcoming Board meeting to go over the program details.

Much discussion was held concerning what the responsibilities of Mr. Moore are and how he runs his activities.

Mr. Kelleher explained to Mr. Kuhlman that the township has sent letters to both Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough asking that they help to pay Mr. Moore's salary. Both of them have declined to assist with this request.

ClearWater Conservancy/Vision 2020: The Board noted that if this presentation isn't going to take any great length of time, they can attend a regular meeting.

Contract with Stephen French: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve and sign the agreement with Mr. French. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

Road Foreman: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Michael Kelleher as the Township's Road Foreman for the year 2000 based on the job description that is written and being paid the salary as established by the Benner Township Board of Auditors. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – abstained

Mileage Rate: Mr. Lahr moved to establish the mileage reimbursement rate at the same rate as established by the IRS. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

New Signature Card for General Fund Savings Account: The Secretary noted that due to problems that have recently surfaced in transferring money from the Savings Account to the Checking Account a new signature card needs to be approved for the Savings Account.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Letters from the County
  - a. Final Plan letter for Centre Communications Land Development
  - b. Time Extensions
    1. Fullington Bus
    2. Bellefonte Lime Co.
  - c. Polymics Land Development
  - d. Final Plan for Ray & Carol Walker
2. Copy of letter from SCBWA to Jack Rimer Re: Vacancy
3. HRG Letters
  - a. Fullington Bus
  - b. Polymics
  - c. General Aviation Terminal Final Inspection letter
4. Letter from Winfield Hampton Re: Road Conditions
5. 911 Addressing update
6. Upcoming workshop information
7. SBWJA Minutes of January 10, 2000
8. Letter from Bellefonte School District Re: Road Conditions
9. Notice from the PA Fish Commission of Temporary Stream Crossing for Spring Creek
10. Copy of letter of support from the BASD to the Commissioners for funding for Guiderail along Purdue Mt.
11. PSATS Alert
12. Copy of letter Ralph Houck sent to the Tuckers
13. Copy of letter that was sent to Courtney Burroughs Re: sound barrier time extension

## **NOTES**

The Board asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Deibler and Mr. Friedman regarding the naming of the ball fields after them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:50 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.