

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

September 18, 2000

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Trooper Montresor, Jon Eich, Jim Eckert, Warren Miller and Renee McGowan.

SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 74

The sign ordinance hearing was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Kelleher opened up the meeting for public comment. No one in attendance had any comments or questions. Mr. Kelleher questioned if there was a section in the ordinance that deals with dilapidated signs that need to be replaced. Ms. McGowan noted that there is a section that deals with signs in this condition. It was noted that the Planning Commission, Engineer and Solicitor have all reviewed and commented on the ordinance.

Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Ordinance 74. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**PENN BIO ORGANICS
CONDITIONAL USE**

It was noted that at the Board’s previous meeting a conditional use decision was rendered for Penn Bio Organics. After the applicant left the meeting they discovered that they were not permitted to keep flammable material on site and they will need to keep supplies that are considered flammable on site. Mr. Kelleher moved to pass this on to the township’s solicitor to see how this situation needs to be handled. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Warren Miller- Executive Director SBWJA: Mr. Miller was present to introduce himself to the Board. Discussion was held as to how the Township wants to handle those individuals that the Authority believes should hook on to the sewer line but does not wish to. Mr. Lahr noted that the connection ordinance is the Township’s Ordinance and that he thinks the Board of Supervisors should make the decisions. It was determined that a complaint form should be filed with the Authority, forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with facts and a recommendation from the Authority for the Board of Supervisors to make a decision.

Discussion was held concerning the Ripka property.

Jim Eckert/Jon Eich: Mr. Eckert noted that approximately a month and a half ago dialog began with the Department of General Services about purchasing ground from Rockview to build a new county jail and a regional fire training facility. Ownership of both parcels of ground would be retained by the County. Mr. Eckert noted that if the Township is ok with the concept of the these being built, the Department of General Services would sign a letter of intent to sell land to the County. The county would then need to decide how much property they really need for these projects. Mr. Eich noted that in addition to the jail being built on the property that related offices such as probation offices, etc. could also be located near the jail. Ms. McGowan noted that in order for these facilities to be built it would require a zoning change. Mr. Eckert and Mr. Eich promised to keep the Board updated on the status of these projects.

Rockview Trooper Montresor: Trooper Montresor was present to see if the Board had anything that needed to be brought to the department's attention. The Board noted that things have been quiet and that his last report was placed into the Township's newsletter.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 5, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes with the few grammar corrections.

Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of September 18, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to present to the Board his monthly report on the various plans, etc. that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

Discussion was held on the added pavement that Fullington Bus did for their driveway entrance. Mr. Weikel noted that he has inspected the work on the radius and that it meets the requirements for a bus to turn and stay in the correct lane. A letter was sent to the Fullingtons noting that several times when their buses were witnessed entering and exiting that they failed to stay in their lane.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Street Names: List of road and lane names have been distributed to 911 for their review.

It was noted that Bellefonte Airport and the residents that live along this road cannot agree on a name for the road. The Board of Supervisors agreed to submit the name “Snow Bird Lane” as the road name designated for 911 to review.

Mr. Kelleher moved that anyone who did not choose a billing address for the cost of a street sign that the bill is to be split equally and sent to each property owner. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Overlay District Ordinance: Ms. McGowan noted that she has received this ordinance in computer format and that she is working on changing the format slightly so that resembles the Township’s other ordinances.

Minshall Complaint: Ms. McGowan noted that she has inspected the Minshall property for junk cars. She noted that all but two of the cars have current inspections. One of the cars is in good condition and has all of its parts and pieces. Currently there isn’t a violation.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Status: A letter was sent to Mr. French for him to research when the next time this issue can be placed on the ballot and if the signatures that have been collected to date can be used for the next time.

Patton Twp./Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Deed of Dedication for Crestview: It was noted that the deadline for submission for new roads is October 1st. Mr. Weller has called to say that they are waiting for the one partner to return from a trip to sign the deed – it should be completed within the week. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the resolution conditionally if the signed deed is received before October 1st. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Bill Hughes Re: Storm Water Drain: Tabled.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform Rental/Purchase: Discussion was held on the quotes that were received. The Board asked to check with the road crew to see if all of them are going to have their clothing laundered or would they rather have a clothing allowance to purchase clothes each year.

Letter from Gene Stocker: Discussion was held concerning Mr. Stocker's letter. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Stocker addressing each of his issues and enclosing a copy of the handouts that Mr. Kelleher received at the Master Plan meeting.

Halloween: Mr. Kelleher moved to set trick or treat night for the same date and time as Bellefonte Borough. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes August 28,2000
2. Information on "Growing Smarter" initiatives
3. Workshop Notices
4. Spring Echo Newsletter
5. Notice of Centre County Conservation District Conservation Tour
6. Invitation to South Central Center County Transportation Study Public Open House
7. Update from Vision 2020: Living with I-99
8. Notice of field review for Shiloh Road project
9. Conservation District Review Letters
 - a. PennDot/New Enterprise Stone & Lime
 - b. Hampton Hills Subdivision
10. County Comments on Subdivisions
 - a. Harold Krape
 - b. Robert Reeder
11. Centre County Planning Office Comments of 537 Revision
12. County Time Extensions
 - a. Penn Eagle Academy for Childhood Excellence
 - b. Centre Communications
 - c. Fillmore Farms
13. Workshop notice on the Centre Co. Agricultural Land Preservation Program

NOTES

Warning Track: It was noted that Harold went in and met with Chad Spackman of the school regarding the removal of the old warning track at the ball field. Mr. Meyer reported that the area is too hard for the township's equipment to dig this area out. The Board decided to authorize the road crew to work on the field for two to three days to load and haul the material away after someone else digs it out and to place the new material down.

Road Crew Position: Place on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 11:25 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.