

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

APRIL 16, 2001

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Michael Kelleher and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Helen Alters, Doug Weikel, Steve Porter, Brain Auman, Rick Bair and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rick Bair: Mr. Bair, CPA from the firm of Parente Randolph, was present to present the Board with the 2000 Township year-end audit. Discussion was held about the upcoming GASB regulations and how they will affect state and local governments over the next several years. It was noted that reason for the difference in the highway expenditures is due to the fact that the township received the loan for the new International truck late in 1999 but that the truck wasn't delivered until 2000. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the 2000 year-end audit. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Alexander Henderson: It was noted that Mr. Henderson, for his Eagle Scout project, wishes to construct a small pier along Spring Creek on the Fish Commission's property for individuals needing use of a wheelchair to fish from. The purpose of this discussion is to see if the Board, because of the type of project that it is, would waive the fee for the building permit. Mr. Lahr moved to waive the fee for the building permit. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Steve Porter: Mr. Porter was present and presented the Board a 1908 map of Benner Township that he framed in cherry wood. The Board thanked Mr. Porter for his gracious gift to the township.

Brain Auman: Mr. Auman was present to go over with the Board the stream restoration project that he is working on with Trout Unlimited near the Buffalo Run Community Park. The Board noted that they didn't have a problem with the project as long as the project won't affect the baseball fields and cause the stream to flood more than it does currently and that all of the Engineering comments are addressed.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 2, 2001 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 16, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over the items he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf. Discussion was held over what types of repairs were going to be done on the roads that were disturbed during the sewer line installation.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Centre Communications Tower: It was noted that Centre Communications erected their accessory use tower on their property. It was noted that Bellefonte Airport has called voicing concerns about the tower being a possible obstruction to their airport. Ms. McGowan noted that FAA had been notified prior to the tower being erected and approval by them was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Table.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Table.

Road Crew Position: The applications for the road crew position were given to the Board. The Board chose 5 applicants to interview from the ones submitted.

Guiderail Bids: After review of the guiderail bids (opened at the previous meeting) Mr. Lahr moved to award Item 1 (new material) to Green Acres and Items 2, 3, and 4 (used material) to Penn Line Service. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

Sewerline/Road Repair Work: Mr. Lahr noted that he spoke with Warren Miller (Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Authority) about the road repairs needed because of the sewer line extension. The Authority's Engineer will be applying for road occupancy permits for the road cuts that were made during the sewer line installation this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Paving Bids: The Board opened sealed bids for the township's 2001 paving projects. The bids were as follows:

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$65,877.00

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. - \$71,538.00

HRI, Inc. - \$73,866.00

After a review of the township State Fund budget, Mr. Kelleher moved to award the 2001 paving projects to the low bidder, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$65,877.00. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Memo of Understanding PSU Test Track: Mr. Lahr moved to approve the Memo of Understanding for the PSU Test Track project. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Penn State Conditional Use Request: Mr. Breon moved to accept Penn State's Conditional use request and pass it on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. – The Township received a letter from Glenn O. Hawbaker stating concerns that other truck traffic has been using the roads that they currently have bonded. The Board noted that they would like a letter sent explaining that the Township cannot prevent local deliveries from using the roadway.

Garage Heater : It was noted that Mr. Bernhard is currently working on getting quotes for a new heating system in the garage.

Salt Shed: Mr. Bernhard asked that it be brought up to the Board about the roof for the salt shed as to when it will be placed out for bid. It was noted that the wall of the existing salt shed is beginning to push. Mr. Breon noted that he would start to work on it.

Penn Dot/Rock Road Closing: Discussion was held regarding the extra time and mileage that it took the township road crew to plow and salt Rock Road, Big Hollow Road and the Walnut Grove Subdivision while Penn Dot had Rock Road Closed. Mr. Kelleher moved to have an invoice reflecting the extra time and mileage for the plowing and salting created and sent to Penn Dot. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

2020 Public Meeting: Mr. Breon noted that he would attend this meeting on the township's behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes
 - a. March 12, 2001
 - b. March 26, 2001
2. Preliminary/Final Plan PSU Test Track
3. Letter Re: Proposed Fire Training Site (Spring Twp. to Bellefonte Borough)
4. SCBWA water-level measurement report
5. Intermodal Transportation Center Committee Agenda
6. Penns Valley Conservation Assoc. Educational Workshop Series
7. Vision 2020 Newsletter
8. PSATS Alert
9. Time Extensions
 - a. Fleetwood Farms Subdivision
 - b. Burnham Farms Estates

10. Conservation District Letters
 - a. A & L
 - b. New Enterprise
11. 911 Readdressing Update
12. Notice of quarterly watershed meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:35 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.