

Benner Township Supervisors
April 2, 2001

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Michael Kelleher and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Tom Walker and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Walker: Mr. Walker was present to express to the Board his disappointment in the way the sewer project has been handled. Mr. Walker noted that he feels that there has been a lack of communication between the authority, the contractors and the residents. Mr. Lahr noted that he would send the authority a letter suggesting that they put together and send out a newsletter to the residents letting them know the status of the project.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 19, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 2, 2001, 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. Kelleher - yes Mr. Lahr - yes

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Fullington Bus: Ms. McGowan noted that the two different engineering firms are working on the Fullington project.

John Haas and Associates are working on the fueling facility. Mr. Manos is requesting permission for the Fullingtons to begin to use the facility. L & I approvals have been given and all of Mr. Weikel's concerns have been addressed.

Sweetland Engineering is working on the remaining part of the project. The Board's deadline to complete the remaining items, for which surety has been posted, is June 17th.

Larry Jodon Rezoning Request: Ms. McGowan asked when the Board wanted to hold the rezoning request hearing for Larry Jodon. Mr. Breon moved to schedule the hearing for June 4, 2001. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Comprehensive Plan Revision: Ms. McGowan noted that the township is in receipt of a letter asking if the township is interested in participating with several other townships in updating the township's comprehensive plan. Mr. Kelleher moved that a letter of interest be sent to Bellefonte Borough. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Breon noted that he would serve as the township's representative on this committee.

911 Readdressing Project: It was noted that Norm Spackman asked that a Board member meet with himself and a member from College Township to try to come up with a solution in re-addressing the Benner Pike. Mr. Kelleher noted that he is willing to be the one to meet with Mr. Spackman on the re-addressing project.

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 decided that they would each choose 3 to 5 applicants to interview from the list.

NEW BUSINESS

Guiderail Bids: The Board opened sealed bids for the Township's guiderail.

The bids were as follows:

Contractor	Used Material			
	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
Doyle Hess Contracting	18,487-	2,460-	5,984.50	4,455-
Morgan Rail Inc.	20,989-	1,530-	5,584.50	3,825-
Chemung Supply Corp.	22,073.20	3,268-	7,292.70	5,290-
Green Acres Contracting	18,765-	1,350-	4,927.50	3,375-
Penn Line Service	19,460-	1,070-	3,905.50	2,675-

Contractor	New Material			
	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
Doyle Hess Contracting	24,325-	2,950-	7,587.50	5,575-
Morgan Rail Inc.	24,464-	2,090-	7,628.50	5,225-
Chemung Supply Corp.	30,413.20	3,988-	10,577.70	7,470-
Green Acres Contracting	22,935-	1,650-	6,022.50	4,125-
Penn Line Service	25,020-	1,650-	6,022.50	4,125-

Mr. Lahr moved to table the guiderail bids until the next meeting so a further review of the bids can take place. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.
 Vote: Mr. Breon - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes Mr. Lahr - yes

Cable Franchise Fee: The Board was in receipt of a letter from AT & T requesting that the Board begin the renewal proceedings of the franchise fee agreement with them. The Board asked that this letter be sent on to Mr. French for his review.

Robert Johnsonbaugh Planning Module: The Board was in receipt of the sewage planning module for Robert Johnsonbaugh Subdivision. Mr. Johnsonbaugh wishes to create two new lots from his property on Valley View Road. Mr. Breon moved to approve the planning module for the Robert Johnsonbaugh Subdivision. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.
 Vote: Mr. Breon - yes Mr. Kelleher - yes Mr. Lahr - yes

Township Boundary Sign Locations: The Board discussed possible locations for the boundary signs in the township. It was decided the signs should be placed as noted on the marked up map. PennDot will need to be notified to see what will need to be done to put the signs up along the State roads.

Renee McGowan Building Permit: The Board discussed Ms. McGowan's permit application and attachments to construct a 24' X 60' residential garage that was given to them at the previous meeting. Mr. Lahr moved to issue Renee McGowan permit 2950 for a 24' X 60' residential garage. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes

Mr. Kelleher – yes

Mr. Lahr – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Act 14 Notification for the Spring Creek Watershed Restoration Demonstration Project permit application
2. Growing Greener Workshop Notice
3. HRG Comments Benner Pike Chiropractic Land Development
4. Various Workshop notices
5. Letter from PennDot Re: Bid Hollow Road closures
6. Copy of a letter sent to Jim Steff from Bellefonte Borough RE: Fire Training Facility
7. Conservation District Bellefonte Fish Culture Station Bridge Replacement
8. State College Borough Water Authority water-level measurements
9. Benner Chiropractic Land Development Plan
10. Spring Echo Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:35 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.