

**Benner Township Supervisors  
February 19, 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 Doug Weikel and Renee McGowan.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of February 5, 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. Lahr - yes                      Mr. Kelleher - yes

**BILLS**

The bills of February 19, 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. Lahr - yes                      Mr. Kelleher - yes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICES**

February 7, 2001: It was noted that an executive session was held on February 7, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:22 p.m. on personnel issues at the Benner Township Municipal Building. All three Board members were present.

February 9, 2001: It was noted that an executive session was held on February 9, 2001 from 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m. on personnel issues at the Benner Township Municipal Building. All three Board members were present.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the items that he has been reviewing on the township's behalf.

It was noted that the township is in receipt of a letter from Penn Dot requesting permission to haul rock across Big Hollow and Rock roads. Discussion was held. Mr. Kelleher moved that Mr. Weikel send a letter to Penn Dot requesting that PennDot send the Township a letter agreeing to fix the roads or bond them. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Driveway problems were discussed.

Discussion was also held concerning occupancy permits and requiring surety for items not yet completed.

Mr. Kelleher moved that formal complaint forms are not necessary for the Zoning Officer to check homes for occupancy permits for new construction. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Ron Mather: It was noted that Mr. Mather was in the office inquiring about getting a driveway permit to use the logging road that had been put in as the access.

Growing Greener: It was noted that Mr. French is still reviewing these newly adopted regulations.

PSU Composting Pad: Waiting for information from Mr. French.

Purdue Mt. Road Bonding: It was noted that Superior Lumber is requesting to be released from their road bond on Purdue Mt. Road. An inspection has been completed of the road which indicated that no new damage was made. Mr. Lahr moved that Superior Lumber be released from their bond. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Fox Hill Road Bonding: It was noted that we are still waiting for some paperwork from Glenn O. Hawbaker. Ms. McGowan noted that they have indicated that they would like to start hauling before the Board's next meeting. After discussion the Board decided not to approve the bonding until the next meeting.

Road Ordinance: Mr. Kelleher moved to amend Ordinance 46 to include Road Maintenance Superintendent for issuing driveway permits. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Fox Hill Senior Apartments: Ms. McGowan showed the board plans of a retirement living land development plan that is being proposed in Spring Township on the property that was to be switched over to Benner Township.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Signatures are being obtained.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

**Executive Session**: The Board called for an executive session from 10:00 p.m. to 10:42 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Kelleher moved to set the township employee wage increases/hourly wages as follows:

Office Staff – 4% to be made retroactive to January 1, 2001.

Harold Meyer - \$1.00 per hour increase to be made retroactive to January 1, 2001.

Norman Corl – 3% to be made retroactive to January 1, 2001.

Existing Part-Time Seasonal Road Crew Employees - \$9.00/hr.

New part-time seasonal employees - \$6.00/hr.

And to hire Patrick Bernhard as the Township's Road Maintenance Superintendent being paid a salary of \$35,000 per year. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Guiderail Projects: Mr. Kelleher moved to place out for bids the proposed guiderail projects in the township. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Backstop Replacement: The Board picked out the type of backstop that they would like to see purchased for the one that was destroyed in the windstorm. The Board asked that prices on this type of backstop be gathered for the next meeting.

Watershed Plan Endorsement: Mr. Kelleher moved to send a letter of support of this project. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

PennDot Response: Mr. Breon noted that he has drafted a response letter to PennDot's letter of January 25, 2001. Mr. Kelleher moved to send this letter to PennDot. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Exploit Materials on Township Property Policy: Mr. Breon drafted a notice to be given to Township employees regarding material that may not be displayed or kept on township property. Mr. Lahr moved to approve this notice to be distributed to the employees. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

- 1. SCBWA Well Field/Fillmore water level measurement report
- 2. SBWJA Minutes January 22, 2001
- 3. Centre Co. Planning Office
  - a. Fillmore Farms Commencement with Construction Letter
- 4. Bellefonte Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund Audit
- 5. Letter from PennDot Re: Rock Hauling
- 6. Copy of letter PennDot sent to S & A Homes regarding Benner Pike Development

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Sharon Royer, Sec.