

**Benner Township Supervisors
July 2, 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 member Dave Breon present. Mr. Kelleher was absent. Also in attendance were James Waite, D.A. Waite, Clair Stem, Tom Walker, Brian Book, Warren Miller, Renee McGowan and Jon Eich.

PSU Conditional Use Hearing: It was noted that the decision for this hearing has been tabled until the next regular meeting.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

James Waite/Dick Waite: The Waites were present to ask the Board if they would consider waiving the connection to the sewer at their 103 Waite's Hill Road Property. Mr. Waite explained to the Board that the line would need to be run 265' from the main and would have to go through two rock ledges and under a waterline. He noted further that he has connected his mobile home but feels that this connection would be extremely difficult. The Board noted that they would take Mr. Waite's concerns under advisement and would discuss this matter with Mr. Miller from the Authority.

(Mr. Kelleher is now present - the time is 7:50 p.m.)

Tom Walker: Mr. Walker noted that the sewer authority has yet to replace his property stakes that they removed during construction. The board noted that they would take this, too, under advisement and discuss it with Mr. Miller.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 18, 2001 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of July 2, 2001 were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

PSU - Ms. McGowan noted that she is in the process of reviewing the previous PSU conditional use decision. After an inspection it was noted that they have not planted any new tree plantings.

Addressing: Ms. McGowan gave the Board a brief update of the status of the 911 addressing project.

McGowan Subdivision: Ms. McGowan noted that her subdivision has been submitted to the county. A "Form B" is required for her plan. Usually the Zoning Officer sends the letter down to the County but in this case the letter should come from the Board. Mr. Lahr noted that he would sign and send the letter.

McGowan Shed Permit: Ms. McGowan asked that the Board approve her building permit application for an 8' X 10' metal storage shed. All documentation has been submitted. The Board approved this permit.

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Jon Eich: Mr. Eich noted that the County has been informed that the Department of Transportation may be approaching Department of General Services about the other piece of property next to the proposed new prison. Indications are that this new facility would take the place of the one located in Bellefonte.

Warren Miller/Brian Book: Mr. Miller presented the Board with a list of Township residents that are requesting permission not to connect to the sewer line. Those on the list included:

- Maygar – 916 Spring Creek Road
- Waite – 103 Benner Pike
- Progressive Motors – Benner Pike
- Locklin – 222 Fishburn Hill Road
- Strouse – 528 Seibert Road
- Nevin Geiser, Jr. – Buffalo Run Road

A brief description of each property and the distances to the nearest point of the connection were given for each of the above properties. The Board noted that they would review each of the requests and get back to the Authority.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Miller when he could expect his property pins to be replaced. It was noted that the contractor would have to do this work not the Authority.

Mr. Book noted that the final punch list will be delivered to HRI tomorrow for the remainder of the work that they must complete.

Mr. Kelleher asked Mr. Book that the Board be given the opportunity to do a final walk through before the Sewer Authority makes final payment and closes the contract with HRI, Inc. Mr. Book indicated that this request is reasonable and that the Authority will contact the Township.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Book noted that the Authority probably wouldn't have as many problems with this project if PennVest funding wasn't involved. Mr. Book noted that many limitations were made because of the PennVest funding.

537 Plan: Mr. Book noted that the 537 Plan update is almost complete. Mr. Book noted that the plan is now going to be broken into three separate plans, one for each Township. Mr. Book noted that the township's plan will be arriving within the next several weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Table.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Table.

Chain Link Fence: Table.

Street Standards Waiver for Victorian Village: This item is tabled until HRG's comments are addressed.

Centre County Household Waste Disposal Program: Discussion was held. It was noted that there isn't any money budgeted in this year's budget for the size of donation that they are requesting. The Board asked that a letter be sent stating that we don't have funds budgeted for this year however, we will make an appropriation for the collection next year.

Township Welcome Signs: Discussion was held as to other location spots for the signs. Location suggestions included Rockview, Gummo property, Buffalo Run Park, and the Shuey property.

Salt Shed Bids: Sealed bids were opened for roof portion of the salt shed. Bids were as follows:

Triangle Construction	-	\$21,700.00
M & E Construction	-	\$31,725.00

Mr. Lahr moved to award the bid to Triangle Construction in the amount of \$21,700. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

CD Writer: It was noted that we have received a quote from Mega Help for the purchase and installation of an internal CD writer at the cost of \$161.00. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve this quote and installation. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Part-Time Help: Mr. Lahr noted that Mr. William Frantz is interested in a part-time position with the township. It was noted that a meeting will be scheduled in the next several weeks to discuss what the township's employment needs are.

Skid Steer Rental: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve up to \$2,500 for skid steer rental with attachments. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

SBA Conditional Use Application: It was noted that SBA wishes to pull their conditional use application. Mr. Breon moved to refund SBA their application fee due to the fact that no costs have been incurred. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Water Testing: The Board noted that they would offer township residents the opportunity to have their water tested during the Fall Festival in September. Details will need to be worked out.

NOTES

Mr. Breon brought the Board up to date on a recent Spring Creek Greenway Project meeting that he attended.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes June 11, 2001
2. HRG Comments
 - a. Preliminary Plan for Victorian Village
 - b. Chris Kerner Parking Lot
 - c. Centre County Airport Authority Employee Parking Lot
 - d. PSU Test Track (Bus Testing & Wash Facilities)
 - e. Benner Chiropractic Land Development
 - f. Fleetwood Farms Subdivision
3. Correspondence Re: Fire Training Facility
4. Letter from Penn Dot Re: Road improvements
5. Conservation District Review letters
 - a. NPDES Permit Plan Revision for PSU Re: Stump Windrow Removal
 - b. A & L (I -99 work)
 - c. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.
 - d. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.
6. Centre County Planning Office Comment Letters
 - a. Centre County Prison Project
7. SCBWA Well Monitoring report for June
8. UAJA Spring Creek Composting Facility Minor Permit Modification Notification
9. PSATS Alert
10. Centre County Airport Authority May 10, 2001 minutes

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sharon Royer, Sec.