

Benner Township Supervisors
April 1, 2002

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 Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Rick Bair, Linda Holden, Rebecca Maygar and Michael Maygar.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rick Bair of Parente Randolph – Mr. Bair was present to present the Board with the Township's 2001 year-end audit. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt the 2001 audit as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Linda Holden: Mrs. Holden of 296 Paradise Road was present to inquire about the proposed fire training facility. Mrs. Holden noted that she has concerns about water contamination from the chemicals that might be used to start and extinguish during their fire training. The Board noted that this new facility will not be the same as the facility in State College that was just cleaned up. New regulations are in place and chemicals that had been used are now prohibited. Only wood and wood products are to be burned on the site and only water is to be used to extinguish the fires. The Board noted further that should this facility be built in the Township, it would have to go through the Conditional Use process that includes a public hearing.

Maygars Sewer Connection: Mr. Lahr brought the board up to date on the SBWJA meeting that he attended on March 25th. Mr. Lahr noted that Mr. Kelleher made a motion that the Authority (SBWJA) contribute \$3,000 towards the sewer line main to the Maygar's property based on the estimates the Maygar's received. Mr. Lahr noted that several members questioned if the Township was going to contribute any funds to this project. Mr. Lahr indicated to the Authority that this was not discussed and that he would need to discuss it with both the Township's Attorney and Board before a commitment could be made. Mr. Lahr noted that Mr. Kelleher's motion failed to pass. Two of the Board members had indicated that they might vote differently if the Township contributes something. Mr. Lahr noted that he discussed the pending situation with Mr. French and that it

was his opinion that the Board would have the authority to contribute funds to this cause should they choose to do so. Much discussion was held.

Mr. Breon moved to contribute \$1,000 towards the main line extension of the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority sewer main to the property of Maygar in the best interest of Health and Safety issues and to avoid expending money on legal fees. Mr. Breon stated further that the Township takes no responsibility for the situation as it exists currently. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of March 18, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 1, 2002, were presented the to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the revised bill list as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she has received a copy of the documents that Ferguson Township uses regarding the curbing agreements. Mrs. Swancer noted that she would check with Mr. French regarding amending the Street Standards Ordinance to include language on the curbing.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled until Spring Township has a chance to review the county mapping.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled until Patton Township has a chance to review the county mapping.

Rockview Property/PSU Interest: It was noted that Penn State is still perusing the property from Rockview along I-99 including the apple

orchards. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would finish the letter that Mr. Breon started. The letter should be sent to Rep. Hanna, Senator Corman, Superintendent Myers and Mr. Myers' boss.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he thinks the Township should investigate whether or not all of Penn State property is tax exempt. Are the farms being used for research? If research is being done on the ag land is it zoned for research? Mr. Elnitski noted that he would continue to look into this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Robinson Septic Service Land Development Plan Memo of Understanding:

Mr. Lahr moved to approve and sign the memo of understanding for Robinson Septic Service Land Development Plan. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Victorian Village Memo of Understanding: Mr. Breon moved to approve and sign the memo of understanding for Victorian Village. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

NOTES

Airport Meeting: Mr. Elnitski noted that a meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 2002 with the Bureau of Aviation and FAA to discuss airport related issues.

Robinson Lane Rail work: It was noted that the Township received another letter from SEDA COG regarding payment for the work that was done on Robinson Lane at the railroad crossing. The Board decided to ask a representative from SEDA COG to attend a Board meeting to discuss this matter.

Scholarship Descriptions: Mr. Lahr shared the descriptions that he drafted for Scholarships for the Bellefonte Graduating Seniors. Some minor changes were made. The Board asked that this information be forwarded on to the School District.

New Garage Doors for Shop: Mr. Breon noted that he has been researching information for new doors for the garage.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SBWJA March 11, 2002 minutes
2. 2002 Krout's Lane Bridge Report
3. PA State Police Reports for 2000 & 2001
4. SCBWA Monthly well monitoring report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:16 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.