

Benner Township Supervisors
January 20, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members Richard Lahr and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Jon Eich and Renee Swancer.

Executive Session Notice: It was noted that the Board held an executive session this evening from 7:00 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Breon reported that the following pay raises will be given for the year 2003:

- Norman Corl, Harold Meyer and Sharon Royer - 4%
- Renee Swancer - 4.1%
- Donald Tressler - .23 + \$1.00
- Patrick Bernhard - Salary of \$38,000
- Bill Frantz, Donald Behrer and Matt Roan - \$9.50/hr. as needed

MINUTES

The Re-organizational minutes of January 6, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr noted that he would like to have Kevin Nelson "from HRG" added to the minutes for clarification. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

The minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 6, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr move to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of January 20, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the various plans and projects that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf. Mr. Weikel noted that in addition to

his monthly report, Victorian Village has submitted paperwork to post surety, but that he hasn't had an opportunity to review it yet.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Stormwater Management Ordinance: Mrs. Swancer noted that this ordinance has been modified by Mr. Weikel and is now ready for advertising. Mr. Lahr moved to forward this ordinance on to the solicitor for advertising. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Pontiac Drive: It was noted that the DeVinney's whose current address is Benner Pike would like their address changed to Pontiac Drive. Mrs. Swancer explained that in order to actually access the Devinney home you must turn on to Pontiac Drive. The Board noted that they did not have a problem with this address change.

Mansun Bus Rental: Mrs. Swancer noted that she has been in communication with Sun Enterprises who owns the Mansun Bus properties about having the rental unit cleaned up. Several property owners in the area have complained about the condition of the property. The owner indicated that the property was being sold and that it would be cleaned up by the end of the month.

Cole Bus: Mr. Elnitski noted that he followed a Cole bus down Raymond's Lane. The roadcrew mentioned that they have, on occasion, seen this bus parked in a cul-de-sac in Willowbend. Discussion was held. It was noted that the bus would be permitted to be parked on the driver's own property but not on the cul-de-sac. Further investigation would need to take place concerning weight limit matters.

Emergency Management Plan: Mrs. Swancer reported that she attended a class on the update requirements for the Township's Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Rockey stated at the meeting that the Township really needs their own Emergency Management Coordinator. He also indicated that Walt Wise has shown interest in filling this position for the township. The Board asked that Mr. Wise be contacted to see if he is willing to come to an upcoming meeting to discuss this possibility with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

2003 Bellefonte Senior Awards: It was noted that the Board is in receipt of the paperwork for the 2003 Bellefonte Senior Scholarship Awards asking if there are any changes to the requirements or how the awards would given. After a review, the Board noted that no changes need to be made.

Centre County Prison Planning Module: The Planning Module for the proposed Centre County Prison was given to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve Resolution 03-2 approving the planning module. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

ClearWater Conservancy: The Board is in receipt of a letter from ClearWater Conservancy asking for a letter of support that they could attach to their Growing Greener Grant application. Mr. Elnitski moved to draft a letter of support from the township. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Water Authority Appointment: The Board is in receipt of an application from Ed Ranio who would like to serve on the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Mr. Ranio to the Water Authority with his term ending 12/31/05. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

NOTES

Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Breon noted that to date three chapters have been completed for the Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan.

Fire Training Facility: The Board reviewed the letter from the County that explains the appointments to the Centre County Fire & Emergency Services

Training Center Committee. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Commissioners asking that copies of Committees' minutes be forwarded to the Supervisors.

PSATS Solicitor Association Dues: Mr. Lahr moved to enroll Attorney French in the PSATS Solicitor Association. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Permit Letters: Mrs. Swancer noted that she has compiled a list of individuals who have built sheds, porches, additions, etc. without permits as well as properties with outstanding zoning issues. Mr. Lahr moved to send these individuals letters. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Copy of letter sent to Fenton from SBWJA Re: Connection
2. SBWJA Minutes December 9, 2002
3. Time Extension Burnham Farm Estates
4. Notice PA Fish Commission is applying for a permit to construct a sludge holding tank at the Bellefonte Fish Culture Station.
5. SCBWA monthly Water Level Survey report
6. Letter explaining the appointment of the Centre County Fire & Emergency Services Training Center Committee
7. Meeting notice on the Nittany & Bald Eagle Valleys Greenways Plan Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:32 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.