

**Benner Township Supervisors
Re-organizational Meeting
January 6, 2003**

The re-organizational meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with board members Dave Breon and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Bruce Kirkpatrick and Renee Swancer.

Chairman of the Board: Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Dave Breon as the Chairman of the Board for the year 2003. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman of the Board: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Mr. Elnitski as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2003. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Road Master: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the Township Road Master for the year 2003. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Secretary Treasurer: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township's Secretary/Treasurer for the year 2003. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Ralph Houck as the Township SEO for the first quarter of 2003. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Back-up Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Lahr moved to approve Kevin Nelson as the township's back-up SEO. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Officer: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Renee Swancer as the township Zoning Officer. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Stephen French as the Township's solicitor. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Engineering Firm: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint the firm of HRG as the township's engineering firm with the primary engineer being Doug Weikel. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Banking Institutions: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint M & T Bank and PLI GET as the township's financial institutions for 2003. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the township's representative for 2003. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Alternate CRMPO Representative: Mr. Breon moved to appoint John Elnitski, Jr. as the alternate member to the CRMPO for year 2003. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Road Crew Appointment: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Patrick Bernhard, Norman Corl, Harold Meyer and Donald Tressler as the township's full time position road crew and Don Behrer, William Frantz and Matt Roan as part time as needed employees. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Road Clothing Allowance: Mr. Lahr moved to establish the clothing allowance in 2003 for full time road crew employees as \$275. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

2003 personnel wage review: This item was tabled until the Board's next meeting.

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the township's PSATS voting delegate for 2003. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Genny Robine, Rob Fugate, Joe Shultz and Tim Robinson to a four-year term on the Benner Township Planning Commission and to appoint Fred Gay to the Planning Commission until a replacement can be found for him. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Lahr moved to reappoint John Middlesworth to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Water Authority: Mr. Lahr moved to reappoint Doug Deibler to serve for the months of January and February 2003 on the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

2003 Meeting Dates and Times: Mr. Lahr moved to set the meeting dates and times for 2003 to be the first and third Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. with the exceptions of April 3rd and September 4th with a work session, if needed and only when re-advertised, scheduled for the first Thursday each month at 7:30. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The re-organizational meeting was adjourned the time being 8:12p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

**Benner Township Supervisors
January 6, 2003**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members Richard Lahr and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Bruce Kirkpatrick and Renee Swancer.

Centre County Airport Authority Conditional Use Decision: Mr. Breon read aloud the Findings of Fact, Conclusion and the Decision for the Airport Authority's request for the placement of a mobile office trailer on their property for security personnel. A vote was taken with all three Board members in favor of the decision.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 16, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of January 6, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Board was presented with a written report in their meeting packets.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled. Mr. Elnitski reported that earlier he attended the Spring Township Supervisor’s meeting and obtained several possible meeting dates. The Board noted that they would check their schedules and report back on what dates would be best for them to meet.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Tabled.

Penn State Agreement: Mr. Elnitski noted that he will call Mr. Eich to see if the County has heard anything back from Penn State on the in-lieu-of tax agreement proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Helen Alters resignation: The Board is in receipt of the resignation letter from Helen Alters from her position of Park & Recreation Director. Mr. Lahr noted that he spoke with Mrs. Alters about her letter and she explained that she is going to focus all her energy on the history book to insure that it gets completed. Mr. Lahr moved to accept Mrs. Alters resignation letter. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Mileage Reimbursement Resolution: The Board was in receipt of a resolution that establishes the Township’s rate of reimbursement for mileage while using ones own personal vehicle while on Township business at the same rate as established by the IRS. Mr. Lahr moved to approve resolution 03-1. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Hampton Hills Surety Reduction: The Board was in receipt of a request for surety reduction from the developer of Hampton Hills. It was noted that Mr. Weikel

reviewed the information presented and found the reduction to \$72,846.90 to be in order. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

NOTES

Garage Doors: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard has reviewed the specifications that Mr. Breon has drawn up for the new garage doors and found them to be complete. It was noted that quotes will be sought for an upcoming meeting.

Traffic Counts: Mr. Breon noted that he spoke with Mr. Zilla last week who informed him that CRMPO will be doing traffic counts in various locations in the township over the next several months.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. PSATS Memo Re: Property & Casualty/Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Program
2. PSATS News Bulletin
3. Centre County Planning Office Comprehensive Plan Update
4. Workshop Notices
 - a. Zoning & Land Use in PA
 - b. Arboriculture, Tree Care and Community Forestry
 - c. What's the Worst That Can Happen?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:00 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.