

**Benner Township Supervisors
Re-organizational Meeting
January 7, 2002**

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 Robert Kuhlman, Helen Alters, Jim Swartzell and Renee Swancer.

Chairman of the Board: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the Chairman of the Board for the year 2002. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman of the Board: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Mr. Breon as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2002. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Road Master: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the Township Road Master for the year 2002. 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 2002. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Ralph Houck as the Township SEO pending the outcome of the Maygar situation. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Solicitor: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Mr. French as the Township's solicitor while a local solicitor is checked into. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – abstain 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. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Banking Institutions: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint M & T Bank and PLI GET as the township's financial institutions for 2002. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Richard Lahr as the township's representative for 2002. 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 2002. 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, Matt Roan and Michael Kelleher as part time as needed employees. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Road Clothing Allowance: Mr. Breon moved to establish the clothing allowance in 2002 for full time road crew employees as \$250 with Mr. Tressler's initial allowance to be \$400. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

2002 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 2002. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

2001 Year-End Audit: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint the firm of Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey & Associates to perform the township's 2001 year end audit. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Park & Rec. Director: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Helen Alters as the township's Park & Rec. Director for 2002. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

SBWJA Vacancies:

Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Bill Hughes to a two-year term (remainder of Tom Bicket's term) on the SBWJA Board. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Michael Kelleher to a four-year term (remainder of Helen Alters' term) on the SBWJA Board. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lahr moved to reappoint Dennis Ripka for a 5-year term on the SBWJA Board. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Jim Swartzell to a four-year term on the Benner Township Planning Commission. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Water Authority: Mr. Lahr moved to reappoint Tom Eby to a five-year term on the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

2002 Meeting Dates and Times: Mr. Lahr moved to set the meeting dates and times for 2002 to be the first and third Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. with a work session, if needed, 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 7:50 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

Benner Township Supervisors

January 7, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Robert Kuhlman, Helen Alters, Jim Swartzell, Doug Deibler and Renee Swancer.

AT & T Conditional Use Hearing – Tabled by request of the applicant.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Robert Kuhlman: Mr. Kuhlman addressed the Board with several questions relative to the proposed bike path along Fox Hill Road. What are the cost estimates? Engineering Fees? Why is the path needed? Can a public hearing be held on this proposed project? Discussion was held.

Mr. Kuhlman also asked the Board in what capacity is Mr. Kelleher working for the township. It was explained that Mr. Kelleher has his CDL and if something unexpected would come up that we need additional help in the evenings or weekends he indicated that he would be available to help out.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 17, 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. Elnitski – yes Mr. Lahr – yes

BILLS

The bills of January 7, 2002, 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. Elnitski – yes Mr. Lahr – yes

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Discussion was held on the non-township streets and lanes that will need to be signed. The Board noted that they want the signs for the streets that are not the Township's to be blue in color.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Magyar Sewer Problem: Tabled

Skid Steer: The Board was asked how they want to purchase the new skid steer – on state contract or through bidding. Mr. Lahr noted that it has been his experience that the state contract is always the better way to go.

Seibert Road Drainage Complaint: Mr. Lahr noted that he would draft a letter to go along with the Engineer's letter concerning the driveway drainage complaint.

Bellefonte Borough Water: Mr. Deibler was present to update the Board on the meeting that he attended at the Bellefonte Borough office concerning water. It was noted that the current allocation that Bellefonte Borough has marked for Benner Township is due to expire and because of current regulations the allocation will not be renewed.

NEW BUSINESS

CRMPO Expansion: The Board was presented with a resolution for consideration, which would support countywide membership opportunities in the CRMPO. Discussion was held. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Resolution O2-1. Mr. Breon seconded the motion. Mr. Elnitski questioned if now would be the right time to recommend that the organization's name be changed from something other than the "Centre Region".

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

Polymics Conditional Use Request: The Board is in receipt of a conditional use application from Polymics to build an additional building on their lot. Mr. Lahr moved to forward this request on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Tax Collector Course: It was noted that Mrs. Peters is asking if the Board would consider paying for all or a portion of a recommended PSATS Tax Collector class. It was noted that the state is trying to make the class a mandate. Mr. Lahr moved to reimburse Mrs. Peters the cost of the fee upon successful completion of the course. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Pat Burns notice that he is applying for a NPDES Stormwater permit
2. Water level survey from State College Borough Water Authority Monitoring wells
3. HRG letter Re: 396 Seibert Road Stormwater complaint
4. OneSource workshop notice on Police Services in small communities
5. Centre County Planning Office Correspondence
 - a. Time Extension Burnham Farm Estates
 - b. Time Extension Victorian Village Subdivision
6. Centre Co. Conservation District letters
 - a. NPDES Permit Plan Revision U.S. 220
 - b. Earth disturbance Inspection Report for GOH, Inc.

NOTES

Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like to gather information on the state owned properties in the township so he can meet with Hanna to see if there is anyway the township could receive any more funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:15 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.