

**Benner Township Supervisors  
September 16, 2002**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Mary Peterson, Romaine Naylor, Romaine Rider, Alice Lutz, Dawn Price, Richard Price, Paula Lutz, Dave Jackson, Frank Musser, Mike Evcic, Larry Jodon, Eric Brooks, Paul Hartle, Ellen Hartle, and Katherine Gruff.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of September 5, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski move to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of September 16, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Tressler's Junkyard: It was noted that Tressler's junkyard is seeking a letter stating they are permitted to sale cars so they can obtain a dealer license. It was noted that the Tressler's obtained a certificate of nonconforming use back in 1982 for their junkyard. After a discussion with Attorney French, he recommended that the Tressler's file for a conditional use hearing before the Board to request such a use.

Nittany Valley Planning Ordinance: It was noted that this ordinance is scheduled for adoption for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Boundary Line Adjustments: It was noted that meetings will need to be scheduled with both Spring Township and Patton Township. The Board

suggested that perhaps a meeting could be scheduled for the Board's second meeting in October.

Junk Cars: Mrs. Swancer noted that she was going to start to send out letters in a different section of the Township per week asking that the junk vehicles be taken care of.

Spring Creek Watershed Stormwater Plan: It was noted that Mrs. Swancer did contact the county for a copy of this ordinance. They indicated that as soon as they receive the copies back from the printer they will send us one.

### **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.

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Mr. Lahr noted that he had a discussion with Penn Dot concerning the Benner Pike relative to I-99 opening and the additional traffic from Burnham Farms and Victorian Village Subdivisions. Mr. Lahr noted that Penn Dot was non-committal on everything that was discussed.

It was noted that the public hearing was held at the last meeting. Public discussion was taken, a letter from Penn Dot expressing to the Board that they feel Beezer Hill should be closed, as well as an affidavit submitted by Mr. Breon were admitted.

Mr. Breon went over with those present the various options that the Township Engineer studied and the associated cost estimates of each one. The various pros and cons of each alternative were also discussed. Mr. Lahr again noted that regardless of which direction this goes, there will be those who are pleased and those who aren't.

Much discussion was held.

Those in attendance expressed to the Board their wishes that the Board do nothing with the roadway until some of the developments actually occur and I -99 opens to see what the traffic impacts are.

The Board decided to table action on this matter until more information can be obtained.

Restek Firework Display: Ken Fohringer was present to ask the Board permission to put off a firework display at the Restek property in Penn Eagle Industrial Park. Mr. Fohringer noted that two of the shells that are planned for the show are rated to go 1,000 to 1,200 feet high. For the remainder of the 10-minute show, the shells are expected to reach a height of 600'. The show is proposed for September 29 with a rain date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like to speak to someone from FAA to ensure that they are ok with what is being planned. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the firework display with the following conditions: 1) that there is a manual shut down switch if a plane is seen in the area 2) Mr. Elnitski will check with FAA to insure that they are comfortable with the proposed display and its location. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clearwater Conservancy Request: The Board is in receipt of a request from Clearwater Conservancy asking for payment of the Township's 2002 pledge. Mr. Lahr moved to approve payment of the pledge. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. PSATS New Bulletin
2. HRG Comments Re: Final Subdivision Burnham Farm Estates
3. Communities Building Better Transportation Systems workshop
4. PENNBOC Quarterly
5. Conservation District Comment letter on A & L section of I -99
6. Lisa & Nevin Guiser, Jr. letter to SBWJA billing methods
7. SBWJA minutes of August 26, 2002
8. Conservation District Comment letter on Robinson Septic Service

Communities Building Better Transportation Systems Workshop:

Mr. Lahr moved to allow anyone from the Board, staff or the Planning Commission permission to attend this workshop that is interested in doing so. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:55 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.