

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 17, 2003**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon, with Supervisors Richard Lahr and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Neil Imes, Dave King, and Jon Eich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Breon noted the Board held an executive session with Ralph Houck on February 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Walt Wise, Emergency Management Coordinator Position (EMC): Walt Wise was present to discuss his interest in the EMC position. Mr. Wise served as a deputy EMC for the Centre Region. Our existing plan will need revised to the new required format. Since 9-11, all plans are being revised. Mr. Wise is aware of all the new updates, and could handle revising Benner Township's plan by the May 23rd deadline. Mr. Wise is currently obtaining certification as an EMC from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Mr. Breon moved to appoint Walt Wise as Benner Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

County Prison/Fire Training Preliminary Subdivision Plan Approval. Jon Eich, County Administrator, was present requesting the Board approve the County Prison/Fire Training Preliminary Subdivision Plan. The Plan consists of 4 lots. Two lots will remain with the State. The other two lots—one will go the County for the Prison project, and the other lot will be for the new Fire Training Facility. The subdivision is located along Benner Pike near the Rishel Hill I-99 interchange. All comments regarding the plan have been addressed. The Township Planning Commission approved the plan at their last meeting. With no other concerns, Mr. Lahr moved to approve the plan. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Breon moved to have the Vice Chairman sign the plan in place of the Secretary's signature. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of February 3, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comment. Mr. Lahr made several amendments to the minutes which are highlighted. Mr. Lahr moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills 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. Lahr: yes Mr. Breon: yes Mr. Elnitski: yes

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Board had no questions on the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Township Boundary. Ms. Swancer is meeting with Bill McMath on February 21 to discuss the Spring/Benner Township boundary.

Patton Township Boundary. Tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closing. Tabled.

Outstanding Septic Tank Pumping Slips. The Board decided to extend the timeframe for the required septic tank pumping for the Whitcomb and Barndt properties. Ken Ishler is to be pumping the Whitcomb property. Mr. Elnitski moved to extend the pumping timeframe until March 31st, and that something in writing needs to be received from either Mr. Ishler or Ms. Whitcomb that a contract does exist between the two to complete the pumping.

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

Park and Rec Director Position. The Board decided to table this item till their next meeting.

Letters from Gerald Rogers and Dr. Clair about sewer service. Mr. Lahr drafted letters to send to UAJA and SBWJA in response to the Rogers and Clair letters. Mr. Elnitski moved to send the letters prepared by Mr. Lahr. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Appointment. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Ralph Houck as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the remaining of 2003, and that Mr. Houck will meet with the Board on a quarterly basis at their regular Township meetings to discuss ongoing Township issues. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Judicial Sale Notice: Janos Koltay property located along Benner Pike will be up a Judicial Sale in March. The sale has been authorized by a Judge's Order for back taxes owed on the property from 1996-2001. Our solicitor has advised the Township not challenge the sale because once the sale is complete, the property will be placed back on our tax roles. Mr. Elnitski moved the Township not challenge the sale of the property unless the Township finds out some mitigating circumstance(s) that would make us want to challenge the sale. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Hampton Hills Subdivision: The Board discussed the issue of Glantz's contractors being on the adjoining properties without permission. Mr. Breon noted that Mr. Glantz was told that if he didn't fix the problems with the adjoining property owners, the remaining surety would be held by the Township and not released until he did fix the problems. All Supervisors were in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. HRG Comments.
 - a. Benner Chiropractic Land Development Plan
 - b. Victorian Village Subdivision Surety Estimate
 - c. Victorian Village Plan Comments
2. Conservation District Inspection Report for Burnham Farm Estates
3. SBWJA minutes of January 27, 2003
4. Knapka Surveying, Inc., - Notice for Paradise Hills Subdivision applying for DEP permits
5. Centre County Comprehensive Plan Update
6. Letter Penn DOT sent to Price re: speed limit reduction on Benner Pike
7. Response letter to V. Eisenstein from Attorney French Re: Centre County Airport Authority

NOTES

Dunkelbarger Fields: Mr. Lahr noted that Mr. Bernhard spoke with Ed Dunkelbarger about removing trees along his field next to Rock Road because of the snow-drifting problem. Mr. Lahr noted he had no problem with the work and authorized work to begin.

Chad Dubin Wrestling Camp: Mr. Lahr asked that Mr. Dubin correspond with the Township regarding his proposed wrestling camp. Such correspondence will state that this camp will meet the requirements of the Township ordinances specifically as referenced in the definition section.

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer