

Centre County Fire and Emergency Training Facility
Conditional Use Hearing
April 5, 2004

The conditional use hearing for the Centre County Fire Training Facility was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski and Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Gene Lauri, Frank Schwab, Tim Schreffler, Tom Haupt, Glenn Dry, Steve Triebold, Randy Rockey, Becky Magyar, Cindy Lorenzo, Richard Manning, Roger LeBoeuf, Harry Foulkrod, Jerry Ross, Linda Holden, Jeff Holden, James Eby, Shirley Scheidell, and Adam Scheidell.

Tim Schreffler discussed with the Board the plans for the Centre County Fire and Emergency Training Facility property along Paradise Road and the Benner Pike. The lot is 14.67 acres in size. A total of 6 buildings will be built on the site with total footprints of 7,200 sf. A draft copy of the Operation Plan was submitted to Board for their review.

The site will contain many different stations for training purposes. Some of these stations include: 1) a burn building that will simulate a home in one section and a hotel in another 2) a tower to simulate fire fighting at a different height 3) roof simulator which has several different pitches of roofs to practice footing 4) vehicle fires 5) an area to test fire fighting apparatuses 6) an area that deals with structural collapse 7) vehicle extraction 8) an outdoor classroom, etc.

Mr. Schreffler explained that there will be minimal smoke omitted from the facility. There won't be sirens or flashing lights used on the site.

The Board noted that they would like a list of operating facilities in Pennsylvania so that they may have the opportunity to visit a few of them.

Much discussion was held.

Adam Scheidell - 321 Paradise Road, Bellefonte - expressed concerns that operating until 10 p.m. at night when using fire engines would be too late. He also expressed concerns regarding the amount of water that will be used and discharged from the facility. Richard Manning (Sweetland Engineering) responded that only 3,000 gallons of water would be generated for a day's

worth of training at the site. Mr. Manning explained that during a rain event of a half inch 38,000 gallons of water would be generated from the site.

Linda Holden – 296 Paradise Road, Bellefonte -questioned if a condition could be placed that properties in the area could have their wells tested at the counties expense once a year to insure that no contamination is happening.

Jeff Holden – 296 Paradise Road, Bellefonte - Mr. Holden noted that he has concerns from runoff from not only this site, but also this site in conjunction with the new county prison.

Cindy Lorenzo – 250 Paradise Road, Bellefonte - Mrs. Lorenzo explained that they have had problems in the past with their well having sand and debris from time to time and is also concerned with water runoff.

Rebecca Magyar – 916 Spring Creek Road, Bellefonte - Mrs. Magyar noted that she has concerns with blasting. Will this site require blasting for site preparation?

Harry Foulkrod – 169 Lingerhill Lane, Bellefonte – Mr. Foulkrod noted that he has concerns about the trucks entering in and out of Paradise Hill Road and believes that a right turn lane should be constructed.

The Board noted that they would review the information that they were given and asked that a list of the training facilities in Pennsylvania be forwarded to them. The Board noted that the earliest a decision would be rendered would be May 4, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:50 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

Benner Township Supervisors
April 5, 2004

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:55 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski and Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, and Gene Lauri.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gene Lauri: Mr. Lauri was present to ask the Board to consider signing the traffic signal agreement that has been drafted. Discussion was held if in fact the township had to pay the expenses upfront and then bill the county or if the bills could be sent directly to the county. Mr. Breon moved to approve the agreement with the county as submitted. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Traffic light signal permit Rishel Hill Road: Mr. Breon moved to approve the application for the traffic light signal on Rishel Hill Road. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of March 15, 2004, were presented to the board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 5, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Larry Jodon Surety Agreement: It was noted that Mr. Jodon has been told that the Board will need his surety agreement extension prior to the Board's April 15, 2004, meeting or we will be forced to execute his surety agreement.

Building Code: Mrs. Swancer brought the Board up to date on the code and status of the requirements of individuals who have approached the Board about being the third party agency for the township.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: This item continues to be tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: This item continues to be tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closure: This item continues to be tabled.

Zoning Amendment Request from Barbush Family Partnership: This item has been sent on to the Township Solicitor for advertisement.

Zoning Amendment Re: Small Animal Crematorium: Discussion was held. The Board asked that Renee draft a letter of response for the Board's next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Opening of Bids:

Truck Bids: The Board open sealed bids for the truck that was specified in public advertisement. The Board only received one bid, Sunbury Motor Company in the amount of \$49,597.00. Mr. Elnitski moved award the truck bid to Sunbury Motor Company. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

The Board asked that we check to see if an extended warranty is available for the power transmission.

Paving Work: The Board opened sealed bids for the township's 2004 paving projects. The bids were as follows:

	Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	HRI, Inc.	New Enterprise Stone & Lime
Base Repairs	28.00	23.00	21.85
Paving Notch	5.00	2.00	5.85
1 D2 Wearing	33.25	32.75	35.60
Total Bids	\$49,856.75	\$48,131.25	\$52,103.30

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the paving work to the low bidder, HRI , Inc.
 Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Road Materials: The Board opened the following sealed bids for road materials:

	<u>Glenn O. Hawbaker</u>		<u>HRI</u>		<u>Hanson</u>	
	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
3,000 tons of 2A stone	3.55	5.55			<u>3.20</u>	<u>4.75</u>
2,000 tons of 2RC stone	3.20	5.20			<u>3.00</u>	<u>4.35</u>
400 tons of #4 stone	4.60	6.60			<u>4.55</u>	<u>6.15</u>
100 tons of 2Bs	4.90	6.90			<u>4.50</u>	<u>6.35</u>
500 tons Washed 1Bs	4.80	6.80			<u>4.55</u>	<u>6.40</u>
300 tons 1Bs stone	4.80	6.80			<u>4.55</u>	<u>6.10</u>
400 tons Surge Stone	4.80	6.80			<u>4.40</u>	<u>6.75</u>
100 tons Limestone Sand	5.30	7.30			<u>5.20</u>	<u>6.85</u>
100 tons Cold patch	<u>32.50</u>		34.00			
900 tons I D2 Wearing	<u>27.00</u>		28.00			
600 tons I D2 Binder	<u>26.00</u>		26.00			
	Whitaker Roads Corp.		Eastern Industries, Inc.			
3,000 MC 70 Road Oil	<u>1.21</u>				1.75	
2,000 E-3 Road Oil	<u>.99</u>				1.36	

Mr. Breon moved to award the bids to the low bidder. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Remodelers Workshop: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Gordon Repine of Remodelers Workshop concerning a business that he would like to build on Lot 1 of the Burnham Farm Subdivision. Discussion was held. The Board indicated that they would like Mr. Repine to attend one of their upcoming meetings to discuss his proposal.

PSU Stormwater Management and Maintenance Facility Easement Waiver Request: Discussion was held. The Board asked that Mr. Weikel review this request and respond.

PSU Test Track Surety package: The surety package has been received and reviewed by the Township's Engineer and is ready for approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the surety package and sign the plan. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Regional Building Code Appeals Board: This document was reviewed. It was noted that this agreement will need to be adopted as part of an ordinance and therefore can be advertised at the same time as the code.

Animal Waste on Township Grounds: It was noted that Mrs. Feters called with concerns that people are walking their dogs on the township grounds and are failing to clean up waste that is being left behind. The Board noted to place something in the next township newsletter regarding this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Sketch drawing of Opequon Hill Subdivision
2. County Letters:
 - a. PSU Test Track Land Development
 - b. Comment letter Central Counties Youth Center Building Addition
 - c. Time extension University Park Airport Phase 7
 - d. Lot Consolidation Proposal -Tri-County Habitat for Humanity Spring/Benner

Townships

3. Notice that 537 Plan Update has been approved.
4. I-99 Newsletter
5. HRG Comment letters:
 - a. PSU Test Track inspection report
6. PSATS News Bulletin
7. Spring Creek Watershed Plan Phase 1 Final Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:53 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.