

Benner Township Supervisors
December 20, 2004

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and James Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Pat Bernhard, Lt. Watson, Randy Rockey, Tim Schreffler, Bob Hoffman, Richard Manning, Lane Helman and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bob Hoffman Re: Centre Co. Fire Training Facility: Mr. Hoffman was present to go over the Centre County Fire Training Facility Plans. It was noted that because funding hasn't been received for the entire project that it will be broken down into several phases. Currently, the phasing schedule concept schedule is:

Phase I - Development plan, roadways, curbing, stormwater, underground utilities, footings for the buildings.

Phase II - Burn Building and perhaps the tower.

Phase III - Maintenance building and special training pad areas

Phase IV - Administration building

Clarification was given on Conditions 26, 22, 20, 11 and 21.

The Board noted that it was not necessary to pour the concrete pads for the special training areas at this time but that those areas should be included in the stormwater management design so that when they are built that the existing stormwater facilities will be able to handle the new areas.

Roadway Signage - the Board noted that an onsite meeting will need to be held to locate the areas that would be most suitable for the signage. It was noted that the signs should be located some distance away from the area to give an advance warning.

It was noted that the preliminary driveway entrance location should be shown on the preliminary plan. The Board noted that they want to make sure that the fire trucks are able to enter and exist the driveway without difficulty or without creating a hazard to others.

Lt. Watson/Pennsylvania State Police: Mr. Watson was present to go over with the board the incident reports that the State Police responded to in the Township. Discussion was held with Lt. Watson regarding if a jake brake ordinance can be enforced if enacted. Lt. Watson noted that the State Police doesn't enforce local township ordinances.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 6, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the minutes as presented to the Board. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of December 20, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over with the Board the items that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer went over the items that she has been addressing the last several weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Truck Bids: The Board opened sealed bids for a new Ford F350 diesel pick up truck. The results were as follows:

Bidder:	Pick Up Trade/Purchase	T-Tag Trade/purchase	Cost of new Truck	Balance
Al Gaudino	\$2,060.00	\$6,560.00		
Auto Wholesalers	\$5,123.00	\$13,123.00		
SunBury Motors	\$7,000.00	\$11,050.00	\$30,027.00	\$11,997.00
John Stuckey	\$5,500.00	\$10,800.00	\$30,295.00	\$13,995.00

Ford				
John Stuckey Ford	\$5,500.00	\$10,800.00	\$29,495.00*	\$13,195
Ford Phillips	\$3,300.00	\$8,000.00	\$29,839.00	\$18,539.00
Milesburg Auto Electric	\$5,020.00			

Mr. Swartzell moved to sell the Pick Up truck to Sunbury Motors for the high bid of \$7,000 and the T-Tag truck to Auto Whole Salers for \$13,123 and that pending both of these sales being complete purchase the new pick up truck from Phillips Ford at the cost of \$29,839.00. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

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.

Parking Lot Paving: Table.

Adelphia Franchise Fee Agreement: It was noted that the consortium has been told that each township should adopt a resolution stating that the township agrees to follow the existing franchise agreement until June 30, 2005. This resolution has been prepared for the Board's approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve Resolution 04-15 as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Complaint/1049 Roopsburg Road: The Board is in receipt of a response letter that Mr. Houck sent concerning the letter that the Board received from DEP concerning a septic complaint at 1049 Roopsburg Road. A

copy of this letter was sent to DEP. It was noted that at the time of Mr. Houck's inspection, no visible malfunction was present.

Insurance Quote: The Board was in receipt of a quote from FWF Insurance and well as the renewal quote from Kilmer Insurance. It was noted that the quote from FWF is less but that Kilmer Insurance has been most helpful in a number of instances when we were in a pinch. Mr. Elnitski moved to retain insurance from Kilmer Insurance Agency. Mr. Breon seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes Mr. Elnitski - yes Mr. Breon - yes

NEW BUSINESS

SEO Services: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Houck noted that effective January 1, 2005, the fee schedule for reimbursable services will be going up. It was noted that these are the fees that individuals pay when having soil testing done for subdivisions.

Gyp Road Pipe Replacement: It was noted that we are in receipt of a quote from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. to replace a section of pipe under Gyp Road. This project was included in the FEMA application. It was noted that if the road crew were to do this work that they would need to rent a track hoe and a ditch stabilizer. Mr. Bernhard noted that he will work to received to additional quotes for this work.

Scanner: Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like the township to look into purchasing a scanner so that documents could be stored on disk and save on filing cabinet space. He also noted that he would like to see how much three external hard drives would cost so that documents, agendas, bills, minutes, etc. could be scanned and sent electronically instead of copies being made.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District Re: Terry Rogers/Richard Fiore
2. ClearWater Newsletter
3. Letter that was sent to Benner Township Water Authority from Louis Glantz RE: Water System
4. HRG letter RE: Winnett Property
5. Centre County Planning Office Re: Opequon Hills Subdivision
6. Letter from the Quality of Life and Local Control Caucus

7. PUC Notice Re: Tract Activation for Centre Lime and Stone Co.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:47 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.