

**Benner Township Supervisors**  
**March 15, 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 Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Nicole Boyle, Mike Shamalla, Doug Weikel, Brian Book, Kitty Peters, Debbie McAllister, Paul Hostetter, Justin Cunfer, Katie Hetherington, and Renee Swancer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Brian Book: Mr. Book was present to briefly discuss the septic management district reimbursement program. Mr. Book left information on the program for Mr. Elnitski to review.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of March 1, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of March 15, 2004 were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel went over the list of items that he is reviewing on behalf of the township.

It was noted that the University Park Airport has requested two different waivers for their current project, both of which he is recommending that the Board grant.

Mr. Weikel noted that he has reviewed the County Prison signal plan and recommends approval. Discussion was held. The Board noted that prior to them signing off on the signal plan that they want the commissioners to

execute a maintenance agreement agreeing that they will maintain the light as well as pay for electric for it.

Traffic Enhancements: Discussion was held concerning a recent meeting that he had with PennDot. Mr. Weikel noted that if all goes well and no more difficulties occur that the earliest the bike lane will be completed is July of 2005.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Fire Training - Conditional use hearing is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hampton Hills - Noted that there is a problem with a fence that was placed in the stormwater easement on the one property. The property owner was told prior to the installation not to do it but did it anyhow. Mr. Glantz has been asked to take care of this problem but hasn't. Mr. Weikel is going to write a letter that will be attached to a letter that she will be sending.

ZHB/Berenty- It was noted that the Berenty's are requesting an extension from the Zoning Hearing Board to allow them to keep their mobile home on their property longer until their home is completed.

Car Rental- It was noted that we are still waiting for the ordinance to be advertised.

Building Code - Noted that she is putting together information that will be passed out to help people when they are applying for a building permit.

Brown Property- Noted that a letter is being sent to Ms. Brown's attorney outlining the deadline to have the property cleaned up.

Pet Crematorium - Mr. French reviewed the information that was sent to him and said that it is ultimately the Board's decision on what they want to do. The board noted that they will discuss this at the next meeting.

Burn's Junkyard - Mrs. Swancer noted that Mr. Burns is cleaning up but that he has a long way to go.

Discount Remodelers - Mrs. Swancer noted that she has spoken with the owner of Discount Remodelers on several occasions regarding him moving his business into the Township. The company wants to do retail sales as well as some manufacturing. The owner has been asked to send a letter to the Board outlining exactly what his intent is so that a reply can be made.

## **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: Tabled until the next meeting.

Firework Training Session/Restek: Mrs. Swancer reported that the group has provided the board with all the items that the board has required of them in the past. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the firework training session at Restek. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Centre County Airport Authority: Discussion was held concerning the appointment to the Airport Authority. The Board felt that it would be in the best interest of the Township that the appointee be a Township Supervisor. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Jim Swartzell to fill this vacancy. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Rishel Hill Intersection Traffic Light: This item is tabled until the Board is in receipt of an agreement from the County that they will assume the responsibility of the maintenance and electric expenses of the light.

Street Lights in Burnham Farms Subdivision: It was noted that the electric company has asked if the Township is going to pay for the street lighting that is going to be located throughout the Burnham Farm Subdivision. The Board indicated that they would not be paying this bill as we don't pay for the bill in Penn Eagle and that it should be billed to the property owners association.

Paving Projects for 2004: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard met with Brian Rogers of the Airport to see what work they anticipated doing this year. After their discussion, Mr. Bernhard is recommending that the resurfacing of Fox Hill Road be delayed a year for fear that the work being done will just be busted up with the anticipated construction truck traffic this year. Mr. Elnitski moved to place the base repairs of Fox Hill Road, and the resurfacing of sections of Rock Road and Seibert Road out for bid upon the recommendation of Mr. Bernhard. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes      Mr. Elnitski – yes      Mr. Breon – yes

Benner Pike Area/Comprehensive Plan: Mrs. Swancer noted that she has received phone calls from Wade Robbins, Ian Henderson, Centre Mutual Fire Insurance, the Matterns and the Martins all expressing concerns of how their properties are being shown as being in the Ag Conservation area on the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission's comprehensive plan maps. Mr. Breon indicated that those who have concerns should attend the next NVJPC's meeting in April.

T-Tag Truck Specifications: The truck specifications were presented to the Board. Mr. Elnitski moved to place the truck out for proposals. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes      Mr. Elnitski – yes      Mr. Breon – yes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. HRG response letter to DEP Re: Act 537 Plan Update
2. Phase II Centre County Comprehensive Plan Update
3. Proposed 2004 PSATS Resolutions
4. Notice that PA Fish & Boat Commission is applying for a GP-5 Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit
5. HRG Letters:
  - a. SBWJA Greens Valley Sewer Extension – NPDES Stormwater Permit Notice
  - b. SBWJA Litke Pump Station – NPDES Water Quality Management Permit Notice
6. Letter from Adelphia Re: Status of Bankruptcy Reorganization
7. Conservation District Letters
  - a. Acknowledgment of Completeness
8. SBWJA Minutes of 2/23/04
9. HRG Comments Re: Phase 7 University Park Airport
10. EMC Insurance Response letter RE: Edgar Snyder & Assoc. claim

**NOTES**

Mr. Shamalla was present and gave the Board a brief status report on the rail trail project. It was noted that materials are being prepared so that a presentation can be made to each municipality. It is anticipated that a grant for a feasibility study will be submitted in October.

Mr. Swartzell noted that Justin Houser contacted him this week and indicated that after discussions with the churches, that they do not wish to take the Fall Festival over.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:37 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.