

Benner Township Supervisors
November 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, David Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Doug Weikel and Dean Fenton.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Hampton Hills Subdivision Surety Renewal: It was noted that Mr. Glantz is asking for a reduction in his surety amount to \$35,772 which will be in effect for a year unless an additional reduction is asked for. It was noted that this amount has been reviewed by Mr. Weikel and was found acceptable. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the new surety agreement. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

The Board noted that they would like the adjoining property owners, who have filed complaints in the past, contacted to make sure any outstanding issues are satisfactorily addressed prior to any future reductions being granted.

Dean Fenton: Mr. Fenton noted that he was just attending this evenings meeting for observance. He noted that he owns the home along Buffalo Run Road that currently has the tarp on the roof. He noted that he currently making the roof repairs and a new roof will be placed on the home within the next couple weeks. He noted that in the near future he plans to ask permission to construct a second home on his property.

MINUTES

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

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

BILLS

The bills of November 15, 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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she attended a meeting last week concerning the proposed subdivision plan for the remainder of Airport Park. She noted that State College Borough Water Authority is planning to purchase three additional lots around the wellheads.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he spoke to PSATS and that they were going to send him information concerning the classification of corporate farming. Mr. Elnitski also wants to further investigate the weight of the trucks that Penn State is planning to use to haul manure after they complete their manure storage facility along Seibert Road.

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: Tabled.

Adelphia Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: This item remains tabled until a renewal agreement is reached.

Penn Recycling Road Bond Release: This item was tabled due to the lack of a letter from the Engineer.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 Pick Up Truck: Mr. Breon moved to place out for bid purchase of a 2005, 4-wheel drive, automatic, regular cab, pickup with a 6.0L diesel engine and plow and to offer for trade on this truck both the 1998 F150 pickup and the 1996 Ford F350 T-Tag truck. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Rishel Hill/SR150 Traffic Signal: The Board is in receipt from Gene Lauri requesting that the traffic signal not be activated until closer to the time of the actual prison opening. Discussion was held. The Board agreed that the light need not be activated until closer to the time of the prison opening.

Cable Consortium Representative: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Jim Swartzell as the Township's Representative on the Cable Consortium Board. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

University Park Airport Stormwater Easement Agreements: It was noted that these agreements are being required by the County as part of the University's Land Development Plan. The agreements have been reviewed by Mr. French and the county and have been found to be acceptable. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the stormwater easement agreement with Penn State. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Implementation Agreement: Mr. Breon updated the Board on the Implementation Agreement. The agreement states that within two years all the townships who participated in the Nittany Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan must update their ordinances to compliment what the Comprehensive Plan indicates. Mr. Breon asked the Board to review this agreement and to email him with questions and or comments by Thursday.

Letter of Recommendation/Michael Shamalla: The Board noted that they would sign and send a letter of recommendation for Mr. Shamalla for his application into Grad school.

Mr. Breon noted that Mr. Shamalla is asking the Board's permission to use some of his township hours to help fix up the park located near the Gamble Mill. The Board noted that they don't have a problem with this but they want the Borough to be aware that he is using Benner Township time doing this work.

Shiloh Road Steering Committee: Mr. Swartzell noted that members of the Centre Region Planning Commission will be attending the Planning

Commission's meeting to discuss the results of the studies that the Steering Committee has been working on. It was noted that the major stumbling block is who will be providing the area with sewer service. It is being suggested that the Board along with College Township, Warren Miller (SBWJA), Cory Miller (UAJA), and the Chairmen's of each sewer authority get together to discuss possible solutions. One option that has been suggested is a trade off for the potential airport development in Patton Township for the Shiloh Road area.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Thank you from Benner Elementary School PTA
2. Planning Module Review from County on Airport Park Subdivision
3. HRG comment letter University Park Airport Phase 7
4. SBWJA minutes of October 25, 2004

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sharon Royer, Sec.