

**Benner Township Supervisors
October 4, 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 and James Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer and Mike Shamalla.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 20, 2004 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon 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 October 4, 2004, were presented to Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer updated the Board on the following items:

Hampton Hills - surety needs renewed soon.

Opequon Hills - received a pretty long check list from HRG and the county planning office to fix on the plans

Paradise Hills - surety may be released.

PSU Manure - still hasn't submitted anything yet

PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Shamalla reported that it was determined that ClearWater cannot apply for the grant for the Fish Commission bridge repairs and parking lot along Shiloh Road. Mr. Shamalla noted that the Fish Commission has approached him to see if the Township would be willing to submit the grant on their behalf. More discussion was held. The Board noted that because of the short notice and the amount of documentation they would want to have reviewed by the attorney and insurance company before committing, they felt that the county should apply for the grant because they would better have the resources to get the grant prepared in such a short amount of time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 8:37 to 8:50 to discuss personnel matters.

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: Mr. Breon updated the Board on the meeting that he attended with the Centre Region and Bellefonte Borough concerning the franchise fee agreement renewal. It was noted that to join this group, the Township would need to contribute \$5,000 towards the legal fees of the attorney. Any remaining outstanding fees would be divided among the municipalities using a formula. Discussion was held.

Mr. Breon moved to advertised the ordinance to join with this group for the purpose of negotiating a new franchise fee agreement. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Robinson Lane Improvements: This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Openings: The following sealed bids were opened by the Board.

Salt:

International Salt - No bid
American Rock Salt - \$45.00/ton
Eastern Salt - No bid
Cargill Salt - No bid
Morton Salt - \$54.59/ton

E-Minerals Inc. – No bid

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the salt bid to American Rock Salt Co. at the price of \$45.00 per ton. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

<i>Anti-skid</i>	FOB Plant	Delivered
Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$4.25/ton	\$6.25/ton
Hanson Aggregates	\$4.60/ton	\$5.86/ton

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the anti-skid bid to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. for materials picked up at the plant and Hanson Aggregates for materials that need to be delivered. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency Request for Assistance: Mr.

Elnitski moved to complete the resolution for requesting funding assistance from FEMA for the flood damage that occurred. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Paradise Hills Surety Release: It was noted that the remaining items that surety was being held for the Paradise Hills Subdivision has been completed and therefore, the surety may be released. Mr. Elnitski moved to release the surety. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Budget Meetings: The Board noted that they would like to schedule the budget meetings for October 21 and November 4th.

Benner Elementary Playground: Discussion was held concerning the proposed playground at the Benner Elementary School. Mrs. Book dropped off a schematic drawing of what the PTA wishes to construct at the school. It was noted that the group intends to submit a grant application to DCNR for additional funding. The group is asking the Board if they would be willing to contribute funds to the playground fund. If money contributed, it would then be marked as the matching portion should the DCNR grant be awarded. The Board noted that since the Township is no longer pursuing the money for the bike trail, they could use a portion of those funds for the playground. Mr. Swartzell moved to re-appropriate \$7,500 from to bike trail funds to

the Benner Elementary School Playground and an additional \$7,500 in the 2005 funding year. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged by the Board:

1. SBWJA minutes of September 13, 2004
2. Phyllis Thomas Subdivision Plan
3. Spring Creek Watershed Community – “Ivan” data
4. Sewer letters Regarding EDUs for Grove Park Place
5. County Planning Comment Letters
 - a. Opequon Hill Subdivision
 - b. University Park Airport Phase 7A
6. Real Estate Tax Appeal Notice
7. Copy of 2003 Liquid Fuel Audit

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:40 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.