

Benner Township Supervisors  
February 3, 2003

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 member John Elnitski present. Mr. Lahr was absent. Also in attendance were Gerald Clair, Gerald Rogers, Josh Ramsbury, Dave Nhif?, Nathan Botic, Sarah Geiger, Justin McCullough, Neil I mes, and Tom Kennington.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Gerald Rogers and Gerald Clair: Mr. Rogers and Dr. Clair were present to ask the Board for their assistance in having public sewer service from UAJA extended to their Shiloh Road property.

Mr. Breon explained the Act 537 process to those present.

\*\*Mr. Lahr is now present, the time being 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Lahr noted that for UAJA to service this area "it" isn't going to be an easy feat and it isn't going to happen overnight. Mr. Lahr outlined the following steps that will need to take place.

1. Written request from the landowner to the Township.
2. The township will then send a letter to the Authorities regarding service area boundaries.
3. The Townships that are members in both Authorities along with each Authority would have to approve of this arrangement. Both Authorities would need to amend their Act 537 Plans.
4. An alternative method could be a regional 537 Plan be adopted for the Shiloh Road area.

Mr. Rogers and Dr. Clair indicated that they would send the Board a written request for their next meeting.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of January 20, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of February 3, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Executive Session: The Board held an executive session with the Spring Township Board of Supervisors on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Spring Township Municipal Building to discuss boundary issues.*

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Tabled.

Back-up SEO: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint James Stuart as the Township's backup SEO. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

MPO Expansion/PSU Agreement: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Jon Eich concerning the MPO Expansion and the PSU Tax Settlement. Discussion was held. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the MPO Expansion Committee's recommended adjustment to the proposed tax settlement agreement. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lahr moved to approve ["as an option for implementation of the financial transfer method, that"](#) the county write the check to the MPO when the funds are received from the University. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Fox Hill Road Bike Lane Reimbursement Agreement: The Board is in receipt of the standard Penn Dot reimbursement agreement for the proposed Bike

Lane project along Fox Hill Road. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve and sign this agreement. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Outstanding Septic Tank Pumping: It was noted that the Barndts have requested a time extension for having their septic tank pumped due to recent weather conditions. The Township received a slip for Guiser’s pumping. Whitcomb has called the office and indicated that he intends to have his tank pumped soon. No communication has taken place with the Tuckers. The Board asked that Whitcomb be contacted again to see when pumping is to be completed. No further action was taken and this item is to be placed on the Board’s next agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Water Tanker: Mr. Elnitski asked that Penn Dot be contacted to see who owns the water tanker that has be sitting along I -99 so that it can be removed. [“Mr. Lahr is contacting PennDot about the bridge leaking over Rock Road and will also address the issue of the tanker at the same time.”](#)

Fenton Sewer Connection: It was noted that Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority intends to connect the Dean Fenton residence to the sewer on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Miller contacted the office to see if the Township wants to dig the line for them or if they should hire someone else. The Board indicated that they want someone else to do the work.

Garage Doors: The Board was in receipt of sealed quotes for new garage doors for the shop. The quotes were as follows:

Overhead Door of Blair County:	\$7,346.00
Overhead Door of Nittany Valley:	\$6,855.00

Mr. Lahr moved to award the bid to Overhead Door of Nittany Valley in the amount of \$6,855.00. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

\*\*Recess was taken from 8:36 to 8:41 p.m.

Planning Commission Members: It was noted that several individuals have submitted applications to be considered for the vacancies on the Planning

Commission and the Water Authority. The Planning Commission has made the recommendation on the appointments of Mike Anthony and Bob Morrell. The other applicants have indicated that they are also interested in serving on the Water Authority. Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Mike Anthony for a term to expire 12/31/03 and Bob Morrell for a term to expire 12/31/07. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Comley Subdivision: The Comley subdivision plan was presented to the Board for their review and comments. It was noted that this subdivision is for one lot that will be used for a single residential home that will be connected to public sewer. After reviewing the plan, Mr. Lahr moved to approve the plan without comment. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Benner Chiropractic Memorandum of Understanding: The memorandum of Understanding for the Benner Chiropractic land development plan was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Benner Pike Speed Limit: A letter was received from Penn Dot asking the Board their opinions on the speed limit reduction request along the Benner Pike from Mr. Price. Discussion was held. It was noted that several traffic lights are going to be installed in this area over the next several years. Mr. Breon noted that he would draft a letter to Penn Dot indicating the reasons that they feel the speed limit should stay as it is.

Crestview Road Bonding: S & A is requesting to bond the roads in Crestview in order to haul approximately 30 loads of materials from a lot that they are constructing a home on. The Engineer has gone out and prepared the necessary bonding paperwork and a check for the bond has been received. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bond for S & A Homes. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lahr – yes                      Mr. Elnitski – yes                      Mr. Breon - abstained

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

1. Copy of Minor Land Development Proposal Centre Co. Airport Authority Office Building
2. Notice of Town Meeting with Rick Santorum
3. SBWJA minutes of January 13, 2003
4. County time Extensions
  - a. PSU Test Track L.D.P. Bus Terminal & Wash Bay Facility
  - b. Victorian Village Lot 5
  - c. Ray & Carol Walker L.D. Plan
  - d. Robinson Septic Service L.D. Plan
  - e. Victorian Village Subdivision Plan
5. Copy of Benner Chiropractic Land Development Plan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:12 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.