

**Benner Township Supervisors**  
**June 16, 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 members John Elnitski, Jr. and Richard Lahr present. Also in attendance were Warren Miller, Doug Weikel, Tom Eby, Mike Shamalla, Renee Swancer, and Brian Book.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Brian Book/Warren Miller - 537 Plan Update: Mrs. Swancer came up with a list of questions concerning the 537 Plan Update that were gone over one by one. Mr. Book noted that the schedule of pumping septic tanks in the Sewage Management District can be changed from what the book is currently stating as well as the frequency of the pumping. Mr. Book stated that he did not believe that DEP would approve the plan if it allowed for tanks to be pumped for a time exceeding 5-year intervals. Mr. Book noted that the inspection will be taking place at the same time the tank is being pumped. Mr. Book explained that the inspection will require two people, the first being an inspection agent to check out the tank and secondly, the SEO to go and check any problems that the inspection agent finds. Fees for the inspection can be determined at a later date when more information is gathered on the number of units to be checked and time involved is figured out. Mr. Book noted that these fees will need to be determined when the Sewage Management Ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Book asked the Board for their approval to advertised the 537 Plan in the Centre Daily Times to start the review process. He noted that the adoption of the Sewage Management Plan Ordinance is not done at this time and will not occur until after the 537 Plan is adopted by the Board and approved by DEP. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the legal advertising process. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Mike Shamalla: Mr. Shamalla was present to go over with the board items relating to his position as the Township's Park & Recreation Director. Mr. Shamalla noted that he would like to create a more detailed web page for the township's recreational programs.

Discussion was also held concerning the Buffalo Run Park and the work that is pending completion. It was noted that most of the up front work is done for the walking trail and it should be ready to start to be constructed. Mr. Shamalla noted that he would review the current plans and set up a meeting with Bernie to discuss when work may be scheduled. The Board also discussed with Mr. Shamalla the possibility of a pig roast ticket dinner to celebrate the Township's 150-year Anniversary.

Mr. Lahr moved to approve Mr. Shamalla to attend the Grant Writing workshop being held by PSATS. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Elnitski moved for the Township to pay Mr. Shamalla's registration fee for the NARPA organization. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of June 2, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of June 16, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel was present to go over various plans that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Swancer noted that in addition to her written report she had the following items to bring the Board up to date on:

Pet crematorium: It was noted that John Thomas who is a vet and lives in Walnut Grove Estates has called inquiring what he would need to do in order to place a cremation unit at his residence for animals. Mrs. Swancer

noted that she is waiting to hear back from DEP on this matter as to what permits that they may require and will then follow up with Mr. French to see what would have to be done should he still wish to try to move forward.

Ginger Reynolds: Mr. Lahr noted that he received a phone call over the weekend about Ginger Reynolds burning garbage again. Mrs. Swancer noted that she would once again check into the matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: This item continues to be tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: This items continues to be tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closure: This item continues to be tabled.

Zoning Amendment Request from Barbush Family Partnership: This item is tabled pending the Planning Commission's review and recommendation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bellefonte Borough/College Township Water Service: Tom Eby from the Benner Township Water Authority was present to bring the Board up to date on the on going water issues with Bellefonte Borough and College Township. Mr. Eby noted that the Township is not opposed to Bellefonte Borough providing water service to the new county prison and Rockview if DEP will allow them to and as long as an agreement can be worked out similar to the one the Township has with State College Borough Water Authority.

New Tailgate Spreader: It was noted that the roadcrew is in need of another tailgate spreader. The cost of a new one is \$2,737.00 and they estimate that it will cost \$1,500 in parts to repair the old one. Mr. Lahr move to approve the purchase of a new spreader. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lahr – yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon - yes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA minutes of May 27, 2003
2. Spring Echo newsletter

3. HRG Letter Re: HOP for Centre Co. Prison
4. Centre County Comprehensive Plan Update
5. Centre County Planning Office Letters
  - a. Minor Land Development Restek Storage Building
  - b. Centre County Prison Land Development
  - c. Centre Co. Mutual Fire Insurance Land Development – time extension
  - d. Fillmore Farms – time extension
  - e. Benner Chiropractic – time extension
  - f. Graymont – time extension
  - g. 4-Lot Subdivision Plan Commonwealth of PA – time extension
  - h. Paradise Hills Subdivision – time extension
6. HRG letters to PHMC and Centre Co. Conservation District Re: 537 Plan

### **NOTES**

Mr. Breon brought the board up to date on the Centre County Airport Authority meeting that he attended.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:57 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.