

**Benner Township Supervisors**  
**October 6, 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. Also in attendance were Connie Puckett, Jim Swartzell, Renee Swancer and Mike Shamalla.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Connie Puckett: Ms. Puckett, Principal of the Benner Elementary School, was present to discuss with the Board if they would be willing to contribute in any way with the development of an improved sports area/playground at the school. Ms. Puckett noted that several meetings have been held discussing what staff and students would like to see constructed at the school. The Board noted that after more definitive plan is created they would then decide what type of assistance they could give the school with this project. The Board noted that they would ask Mr. Shamalla to attend some of the upcoming meetings.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of September 15, 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 October 6, 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

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Swancer presented her written report to the Board. Mr. Breon asked that Mr. French be contacted to see when the Board could expect to see the traffic enhancement ordinance.

**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 is tabled pending the Planning Commission's review and recommendation.

Township Employee Pension Plan: It was noted that ICMA never responded to the information that was sent to them and that the state's aid for the pension plan will be coming shortly and must be deposited within 30 days from receipt. Mr. Lahr moved to transfer the Township's DA contract with Principal Financial Group to a FIP contract with the investment management option. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

2004 Minimum Municipal Obligation: It was noted that during the last pension audit, the state auditor recommended that the Board of Supervisors review and approve the annual Minimum Municipal Obligation. Mr. Breon moved to approve the 2004 Minimum Municipal Obligation. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Bellefonte YMCA Race: After discussion the Board noted that they are not willing to accept responsibility for Penn Dot's road therefore the race must stay on Roopsburg Road and not cross 550.

Richard Tressler Property-Septic System Problems: The various letters were gone over that were sent from Mr. Houck to Mr. Tressler and Mr. Tressler's letter of response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bid Openings: Sealed bids were opened by the Board for the following materials.

	<u>Pick up at Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
<b><u>ANTI-SKID</u></b>		
Glenn O. Hawbaker	4.20/ton	6.20/ton
Hanson Aggregates	4.50/ton	5.40/ton

Mr. Lahr moved to award the anti-skid contract to Glenn O. Hawbaker for the material that needs to be picked up and to Hanson Aggregates for the material that will be delivered. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**SALT**

American Rock Salt Co.	38.68/ton
Morton Salt	53.28/ton
Cargill Salt	39.34/ton
International Salt	51.16/ton

Mr. Lahr moved to award the salt bid contract to American Rock Salt Company. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Nichols Planning Modules: The planning module for the Nichols Subdivision was presented to the Board. It was noted that this was a one-lot subdivision along Valley View Road. All of the reviews have been completed and the module is ready to approve and sign. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Resolution 03-7 which approves the Nichols sewage planning module. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Penn Dot Resolution: It was noted that Penn Dot is requesting a copy of an adopted resolution that authorizes the Chairman of the Board, Dave Breon, to sign documents dealing with the Bike Lane Grant. Mr. Lahr moved to approve Resolution 03-8. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Penn State Conditional Use Requests: Mr. Lahr moved to acknowledge receipt of the conditional use applications from Penn State and pass them on to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations. The requests include permission to construct a new multiple aircraft deicing apron and for the site preparation of a T-hangar complex. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Budget: The board was asked to check their schedules for available dates to start discussion on the 2004 budget.

Airport Terminal Building Study Committee: Mr. Breon noted that the University is asking if Benner Township is interested in appointing a member to set on the Airport Terminal Study Committee. Mr. Lahr moved that Mr. Breon be appointed to serve on the committee. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Letter of inquiry from Bellefonte Borough: The Board is in receipt of correspondence from Bellefonte Borough indicating that they are in the very preliminary stages of meeting with Spring Township and surrounding Townships to see if there is any interest in creating a regional police department. The Board noted that they would be interested in setting in on these discussions with no commitment to joining at this time.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

1. County Planning Office Letters
  - a. DEP Planning Module Nichols
  - b. Time Extension Burnham Farms
  - c. Monthly Comprehensive Plan Update
  - d. Nichols Plan
  - e. Paradise Hills Comments
2. Copy of Township Pension Plan Audit
3. SBWJA Minutes of Aug. 25, 2003 & Sept. 8, 2003
4. Notice of University Park Airport five-year Environmental Assessment Public Official Meeting – Oct. 8
5. Notice of Adelpia Bankruptcy hearing
6. Notice of revised NPDES Permit for Centre Co. Prison
7. Conservation District reports
  - a. Dr. Gerald Clair earth disturbance
  - b. Centre Co. Prison earth disturbance
8. PSATS New Bulletin

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:13 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.