BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2005

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski and Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Mike Shamalla, and Tom Eby.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Swartzell moved that Mr. Elntiski be appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon - yes

<u>Vice Chairman:</u> Mr. Breon moved that Mr. Swartzell be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2005. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

<u>Roadmaster:</u> Mr. Elnitski moved that Patrick Bernhard be appointed as roadmaster for the year 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon - yes

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Swartzell moved to reappoint the following people and firms to their positions for 2005:

Secretary Treasurer - Sharon Royer

Sewage Enforcement Officer - Ralph Houck

Back - up SEO - Warren Miller

Zoning Officer - Renee Swancer

Solicitor - Stephen French

Engineering Firm - HRG

Bank - Pliget and M & T Bank

Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon - yes

Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Commission Coordinating Committee Representative:

Mr. Breon moved that Mr. Elnitski be appointed to this committee for 2005. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon – yes

<u>Appointment of Road Crew:</u> Mr. Swartzell moved to re-appoint Patrick Bernhard, Norman Corl, Harold Meyer and Donald Tressler as the township's road crew for 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

<u>Road Crew Clothing Allowance:</u> Mr. Swartzell moved to have the clothing allowance for the road crew to remain at \$250 per person for 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

An executive session was held from 7:42 p.m to 7:58 p.m. to discuss employee matters.

<u>2005 Personnel Wage Review:</u> Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the wage increases for 2005 as follows: Patrick Bernhard 5% salary increase, Harold Meyer and Norman Corl 5% hourly wage increase, Donald Tressler \$1.03 per hour increase, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer a \$1,622 yearly increase, Michael Shamalla – new yearly salary rate of \$10,000, and .50 per hour increase for the long term/part-time employees. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

<u>PSATS Voting Delegate:</u> Mr. Elntiski moved to appoint Mr. Swartzell as the Township's Convention voting delegate for 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

<u>Appointment of Township CPA:</u> Mr. Swartzell moved to appoint the firm of Parente & Randolph to do the Township's 2004 year end audit. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Swartzell moved to appoint the following persons to the following Boards and Authorities as follows:

Zoning Hearing Board - Frank Densevich - 3 year term

Water Authority - Rich Mauser - 5 year term

Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority - Michael Kelleher - 5 year term

Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

<u>Park & Recreation Director</u>: Mr. Breon moved to appoint Michael Shamalla as Benner Township's Park and Recreation Director for the year 2005. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion

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

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Mr. Breon moved to schedule the Board's regularly scheduled meetings for the following dates beginning at 7:30 p.m.

 January 5 & 17
 February 7 & 21
 March 7 & 21

 April 4
 May 2 & 16
 June 6 & 20

 July 5, 18
 August 1 & 15
 September 6, 19

 October 3 & 17
 November 7 & 21
 December 5 & 19

Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The reorganization meeting was adjourned the time being 8:07 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

January 3, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with members Jim Swartzell and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Mike Shamalla, and Tom Eby.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

<u>Mike Shamalla:</u> Mr. Shamalla brought the Board up to date on the projects that he has been working on. An in-service day program is being planned for the school children on the January 27th. The entire day's activities will be held at Penn Skates. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve of this event noting that the Insurance Company should be notified of the event. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Surveillance Camera – Mr. Shamalla noted that he was investigating what is available in surveillance equipment to try to catch those who keep vandalizing the park. Information will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Joint Park & Rec. Board Meeting – Mr. Shamalla noted that he is trying to schedule a joint meeting with the Park & Rec. Directors/Committee members of the neighboring communities.

Fall Festival Location – Mr. Shamalla noted that he has read a recent article in Place Magazine and now feels that the best location for the annual Fall Festival is the Buffalo Run Community Park and to have provisions made that if, wet weather is present and Bellefonte Airport is willing, that the Festival be located there as a back up plan.

<u>Tom Eby:</u> Mr. Eby was present to give the Board an update on the recent actions of the Water Authority. Mr. Eby noted that the Authority's Engineer, HRG, is reviewing the possibility of the Authority taking over the Hampton Hills/Opequon water system. If the projections look favorable, the take over could happen in February or March.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 20, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved that the minutes of December 20, 2004 be approved as corrected. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of January 3, 2005, were presented to the Board for their review and approval.

Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer went over her written report with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change:</u> This item continues to be tabled. <u>Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary:</u> This item continues to be tabled.

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

<u>Parking Lot Paving:</u> This item continues to be tabled.

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

<u>Truck Bids:</u> It was the Township Solicitor's opinion that the dealers who quoted trade prices on the used vehicles are not obligated to purchase the vehicles if they were not awarded the new vehicle. Due to this opinion, Mr. Elnitski moved to sale the T-Tag truck and Pick Up Truck to Auto Wholesalers and to purchase the new pick up truck from Phillips Ford. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

<u>Gyp Road Pipe Replacement:</u> It was noted that three written quotes have been received to complete the pipe job on Gyp Road. Those quotes were as follows:

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$9,900.00

HRI, Inc. - \$9,300.00

Ray Walker Excavating - \$7,583.00

Mr. Breon moved to award to project to Ray Walker Excavating at the cost of \$7,583.00

Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Uniform Construction Code Guidelines - Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority and State College Borough Water Authority:</u> The Board is in receipt of a letter from Robert Mix, Attorney for both SBWJA and the SCBWA noting that these Authority's standards for connection exceed the minimum requirements of Act 45. The Board acknowledged receipt of these requirements and will pass them on to the Township's Code Enforcement Official.

<u>Letter from C. Grier Yartz Re: Water Authority:</u> The Board asked that Mr. Yartz be contacted and invited to the upcoming Water Authority meeting to see if he is still in-fact interested in serving.

Occupational Privilege Tax: Mr. Breon raised the question if the Board is interested in raising the OPT to \$52. It was noted that Bellefonte Borough and most of the Centre Region Townships are. Discussion was held. The board felt that this increase is unnecessary at this time.

<u>Fox Hill Road Project:</u> It was noted that Mr. Bernhard would like to get the road projects lined up to be placed out for bid soon. It is being suggested that a joint meeting with the township and Penn State be held to possibly co-ordinate work on this roadway. Mr. Swartzell noted that he would serve as the Board's representative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:55 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.	