

**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**

Chairman: Mr. Swartzell moved that Mr. Elnitski 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

Vice Chairman: 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

Roadmaster: 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

Appointment of Road Crew: 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

Road Crew Clothing Allowance: 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.

2005 Personnel Wage Review: 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

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Elnitski 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

Appointment of Township CPA: 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

Park & Recreation Director: 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.

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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**

Mike Shamalla: 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Tom Eby: 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**

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

