

**Benner Township Supervisors
February 21, 2005**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with members James Swartzell and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Tim Schreffler, Todd Smith, Renee Swancer and Ed Galus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

Mr. Elnitski noted that the Board held an executive session on February 18, 2005 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. All three Board members were present.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Fire Training Facility: Discussion was held concerning relocating the Fire Training Facility to a portion of ground owned by UAJA. Committee members explained that they would be permitted to hold classroom training in the existing buildings of UAJA, the fence is already constructed, landscaping would be minimal (compared to the other site), and existing utilities are readily available. Mr. Weikel noted that the area currently being considered has a tremendous amount of fill material which could cause problems when a structure is being built. Committee members noted that it is only an option and nothing has been decided upon. Board members noted that they weren't against the site being moved but that all aspects would need to be looked into.

Todd Smith - Waiver Requests Amberleigh Subdivision: The developers of the Amberleigh Residential Community have asked the Board of Supervisors for several waivers from the street standard ordinance. Mr. Smith noted that in addition to the waivers that were previously submitted, they are also asking that the width of the collector roads go from 28 feet to 24 feet. Mr. Weikel has reviewed the waivers and recommends approval of them with conditions. Mr. Breon moved to grant the waivers requested by the Amberleigh developers with the conditions specified by Mr. Weikel in his February 7, 2005 letter. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion. (The letter of 2/7/05 will be attached to this set of minutes.)

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

Opequon Hills: A letter was drafted to further clarify the Board's wishes as to the sewer line extension to Phase III of Crestview. The letter clarified that the Board wanted the sewer lateral installed to within one pipe length from the existing piping in Crestview. Mr. Breon moved to approve the letter and have it sent. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of February 7, 2005, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of February 21, 2005, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Board went over pending items that Mr. Weikel has been reviewing on the Township's behalf. Discussion was held concerning the Fox Hill paving project. The board noted that they would like to have this project bid three ways. A. 2 inches binder/one inch top entire roadway. B. mill roadway to High Tech Road and top C. mill entire roadway and top

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer gave the Board a copy of the Philipsburg Borough Jake Brake ordinance to review.

Centre County Prison Fencing: It was noted that the Board discussed with Mr. Lauri several months ago regarding the installation of a fence around the housing areas at the new Centre County Prison. Mr. Lauri is now requesting a letter from the Board confirming that they don't have a problem with the fencing being installed. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve and send the letter. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

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.

Parking Lot Paving: This item continues to be tabled.

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

Rezoning Request for Harman Farm: Tabled until public hearing.

Richard Tressler/SCBWA Letters Re: Permitted uses at Airport Park: The Board acknowledged receipt of these letters and noted that this issue will need to be looked at more carefully when the new zoning is created.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Zoning/Implementation agreement: Mr. Breon noted that the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission has applied for a grant for the Centre County Planning Office to write the new zoning ordinance for the group. Mr. Breon noted that the Township's portion for the Ordinance would be \$2,881 if the grant is received and \$5,941 without the grant. Bob Jacobs and Chris Price will be the individuals from the County Planning Office that will be drafting the ordinance. The estimated time frame for the new ordinance is January. The fees for the ordinance won't be due until next year.

Nittany Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan Implementation Agreement: Mr. Breon noted each municipality will now be adopting their own ordinance which enacts the implementation agreement. A draft copy of the ordinance will be coming shortly.

Remodelers Workshop: Mr. Breon asked that State College Borough be contacted to see if they have an ordinance dealing with incidental manufacturing in a commercial district.

March 7th meeting: Mr. Breon and Mr. Elnitski noted that they won't be in town for the March 7th regularly scheduled meeting. The Board noted that this meeting should just be cancelled and if something pressing arises that a meeting would be needed then one could rescheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Authority Appointment: Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Grier Yartz to the Benner Township Water Authority with his term to expire 12/31/09. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

2004 Audit format: It was noted that ParenteRandolph needs to know if the Board wants to start complying with the GASB format for the Township's audit or just the DCED report without further breakdowns. Discussion was held. Mr. Swartzell moved to have the audit reports done in the GASB format. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

2005 Election Polling Places: The Board is in receipt of a letter from the elections office asking permission to use the building for both 2005 elections. The Board noted that they would make sure that building is available.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of January 24, 2005
2. County Planning Office Letters
 - a. Centre County Prison - fencing
 - b. Approval of name change from Fillmore Farms to The Village of Nittany Glen
3. Notice that SEDA-COG is submitting a petition for the installation of signals and gates at the Crossing located at Robinson Lane

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:36 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.