

Benner Township Supervisors
October 16, 2006

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 member John Elnitski, Jr. present. Mr. Swartzell was absent. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Patrick Bernhard and Renee Swancer.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 2, 2006, 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. Elnitski - yes Mr. Swartzell - absent Mr. Breon - yes

BILLS

The bills of October 16, 2006, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the items that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf. Mr. Weikel estimated that the cost for the No Parking study to be at \$500 and the speed limit study would cost \$750. Mr. Elnitski moved to authorized HRG to complete both studies. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Cleveland Brothers Zoning Hearing Board Applications: Mrs. Swancer noted that Cleveland Brothers has applied for a time variance to allow them to discharge into a holding tank until the public sewer system issues can be resolved. They are also asking for a side yard buffer yard variance which will be eliminated once the new zoning regulations are adopted. Mrs. Swancer asked the board how they wanted her to respond at the hearings. Mr. Elnitski moved that the Township's position be to support both of these variances since they are basically temporary requests related to time. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission: Mrs. Swancer noted that the Planning Commission would like to have a joint meeting with the Board so that the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Commission can be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Reviews are continuing with the Master Regulatory Ordinance. It was noted that legislation is pending that would turn cable franchising over to the Federal Government.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Zoning: Nothing new to report.

Legislation for Canyon Property Transfer: Mr. Elnitski went over the information that was presented regarding the work force housing project that the Commissioners would like to located on part of the Rockview property that Penn State is to obtain off of Shiloh Road. The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr. Benninghoff regarding this proposal and why another location should be sought.

County Liquid Fuels: Discussion were held concerning which roadway to apply for County Liquid Fuels for. It was noted that Purdue Mt. and Fox Hill Road were both being considered. It was determined that Fox Hill Road should be applied for.

Rockey Planning Module: It was noted that DEP wants additional attachments sent to them regarding the Rockey Planning Module on Purdue Mt. Road. Those attachments have been provided by Knapka Surveying and additional signatures are needed to be affixed to them. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve and sign the planning module. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Elnitski - yes Mr. Swartzell - absent Mr. Breon - yes

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Hartle - Single Lot/Planning Module: Paul Hartle is wishing to create a new lot off of Barns Lane for a family member to build a home. It was noted that the proposed driveway location was looked at and was found to be acceptable. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the planning module and plan with no comments. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Half Marathon: The Board was in receipt of a request from the Nittany Valley Running Club to once again use Rock Road for their annual marathon. Mr. Bernhard noted that he doesn't have a problem with them using the road but that if it were to snow during the event that other arrangements should be made as it was difficult to clear the roads last year with the runners on the road. Mr. Elnitski moved to grant permission to use the road under the same conditions as in previous years unless it would be a snowing event. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

CDICC Grant Application: It was noted that CDICC would like to apply for funding for infrastructure at the Rockview Industrial Park site however, signatures from the Township are required. Mr. Elnitski moved approve and sign off on the documentation for the grant application. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session: The Board held an executive session concerning personnel matters from 8:37p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

Budget: Draft copies of the budget were gone over.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:20 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.