

Benner Township Supervisors

December 17, 2007

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 James Swartzell and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Gary Wilt, Ron Mattern, Mark Haefner, Doug Weikel, Dennis O'Leary, Bob Meyers and Paul Silvis.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Haefner: Mr. Haefner was present to go over the final Land Development Plan for the Restek Addition. Mr. Weikel noted that an onsite inspection was done and that everything was found to be complete. All previous comments have been addressed. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the Restek Land Development Plan. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Gary Wilt and Ron Mattern: Mr. Wilt noted that they were present to see what the status is of their rezoning request. Mrs. Royer noted that Mrs. Swancer sent the proposed amendment to the Township Solicitor prior to leaving for vacation and told him that the Board wanted to act on this amendment at a February meeting.

Malcolm & Kenneth Spicer Subdivision: Mr. Meyers was present from Nittany Engineering to present the Board with the Spicer Planning Module for signatures. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the Spicer Planning Module (Resolution 07-8). Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that Mrs. Swancer has prepared the comments on the Malcolm & Kenneth Spicer Final Subdivision Tract 1R into Tract 1RR and Lot 2. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the plan with Mrs. Swancer's comments. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of December 3, 2007, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of December 17, 2007, 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 - yes Mr. Breon - yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the various plans, etc. that he has been reviewing on behalf of the Township. Mr. Weikel noted that both Eagle Point and Fulton Bank will need to redo their stormwater management plan and resubmit.

Spring Creek Canyon Master Plan: Mr. Weikel noted that HRG intends to team with two planning firms to submit a proposal for the Spring Creek Master Plan unless the Supervisors request that not. Discussion was held. The Board noted that they were agreeable for HRG to participate in submitting a proposal on the RFP.

PUBLIC WORKS' SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. O'Leary noted that everything has been going smoothly. The Board noted receipt of a letter from Pearl Hampton regarding what she feels is excessive materials on the roadway near her home. Discussion was held. Mr. Breon noted that he would compose a response letter to Mrs. Hampton.

It was noted that the Board is also in receipt of a letter from Joan Creager concerning the entrance/exits to the University Park Airport and recent fatal accident. Mr. Swartzell reported that this topic was discussed at the Airport Authority's last meeting and some of the suggestions for more awareness were: lighted stop signs, more directional signage, overhead lighting, a warning sign that tells vehicles that they are now leaving airport property. Mr. Swartzell noted that nothing definitive was decided upon and that he anticipates more discussion at an upcoming meeting. Another suggestion was to see if a radar sign could be borrowed, rented or purchased making travelers aware of their speed.

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Franchise Free Agreement: Mrs. Royer noted that an offer has been received from Comcast and that they CACC Board is meeting later this week to discuss the offer.

Zoning: Nothing new to report.

Nittany Valley Regional Recreation Authority: Mr. Elnitski noted that Bellefonte has received word that they were awarded the funds for the feasibility study.

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Breon noted that the deadline for the RFP for the Master Plan has been extended until January 4th.

2008 Budget: It was noted the no comments have been received. Mrs. Royer noted that the Township is in receipt of a letter from Bellefonte Borough indicating that they will be billing the Township \$47,043 for the upcoming year for fire protection from Bellefonte. Discussion was held. Mr. Elnitski indicated that he informed Mr. Stewart over a week ago that the Township would pay them \$42,380 with discussions to continue for future years' contribution formulas. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would contact Mr. Stewart regarding the Township's contribution once again. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the 2008 budget as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Centre County Prison/Central Booking: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Gene Lauri, Director of the Centre County Prison concerning plans for a central booking operation. Mr. Lauri indicated in his letter that the area that is proposed to be used for this function was shown on the plans when the original conditional use application was presented to the Supervisors in 2003 therefore, he does not believe that they should be required to come in for an additional hearing. The Board asked that Mrs. Swancer check into this upon her return.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleveland Brothers Surety Reduction: It was noted that CCIDC is requesting a reduction in surety for the Cleveland Brothers surety package. The current surety amount is \$625,000 and is being proposed to be reduced down to \$339,615.72. It was noted that these estimates have been reviewed by the Township Engineer and have been found to be acceptable. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the surety reduction request. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Ault Minor Subdivision Plan: It was noted that Mrs. Swancer has completed her review of the subdivision plan and has compiled her comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the Ault Subdivision Plan with Mrs. Swancer's comments. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of CPA Firm for 2007 Audit: It was noted that the necessary newspaper ad was run in the Centre Daily Times for the appointment of a CPA firm to conduct the Township's annual audit for 2007. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint the firm of Parente Randolph to perform the Township's 2007 year end audit. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Bernhard Settlement Agreement: Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the settlement agreement between the Township and Patrick Bernhard. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

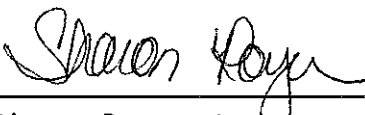
CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes November 13, 2007
2. Information Re: Centre County Farmland Trust Program
3. Letter from Burnside Township Re: Gypsy Moth Program
4. Centre County Planning Commission Correspondence
 - a. 24/7 Self Storage
 - b. Eagle Point - Phase 2A
 - c. Fulton Bank
 - d. Fox Ridge Subdivision
 - e. Lot Addition Replot for Howard Armagast
5. HRG, Inc. NPDES Permit Notice for Sewer Extension SBWJA

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:56 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Sec.