

**Benner Township Supervisors
October 20, 2008**

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 with members James Swartzell and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Sam McGinley, Debra Gabel, Doug Weikel, Dennis O'Leary, Dan Horner and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Debra Gabel and Sam McGinley/Centre County Library: Mrs. Gabel and Mr. McGinley were present to review with the Board the services that the Centre County library offers and how many Benner Township residents are taking advantage of these services. Mrs. Gabel noted that the library appreciates the financial support that the Township has provided in the past and is asking that if possible when the Board is working on their 2009 budget they are again considered for financial support.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 6, 2008, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of October 20, 2008, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over with the Supervisors the items that he has been reviewing on behalf of the Township.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she has the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance back from Mr. Roth for the Board to do a final review prior to advertising for a public hearing. Mrs. Swancer noted that she has asked Mr. Roth to forward all information that he has concerning Halfway Houses as to what

the Township can and cannot write into regulations. The Board decided to advertise the ordinance for public hearing on January 19, 2009.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. O'Leary briefed the Board on the following items:

- *Grove Park - status of paving
- *Restoration work where the sewerline is being installed.
- *Building at the Buffalo Run Community Park - work almost complete will need to purchase a new door for the building.
- *Patton Township - has confirmed with them that we will continue to plow their section of Purdue Mt. Road
- *Brush mower - Other methods are not cost effective, renting the brush mower is what should be done. Noted that materials to be cut are approximately up to 1 ½" in size. Mr. Elnitski moved to transfer money in the budget from the line category Highway Construction to Machine Rental to cover this expense. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Elnitski moved to advertise the Zoning Ordinance for Public Hearing on January 19, 2009, at 7:00. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

EPD Contract Amendment: Mr. Elnitski noted that he will look through the proposal to see if these items were mention in the proposal or not.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: Discussion was held concerning the agreement. The Board noted that they are not ready to sign an agreement that will commit the township to a five year agreement. The Board noted that they strongly feel that a meeting should be held with Board Members from all of the Townships that are involved with the Joint Shared Service Committee.

Planning Commission Vacancy: It was noted that the Planning Commission did not have a quorum at their last scheduled meeting so this item remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Bat Boxes: Mrs. Swancer noted that she has a phone call into people who maintain the box boxes at Black Moshannon State Park to see what it takes to maintain them and is waiting for a return phone call. This item remains tabled.

Shooting Range: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Spring Township asking that the Supervisors consider allowing shooting ranges in the Zoning District that includes the Graymont property. Mr. MacMath noted that the Game Commission is now requiring the Municipal and County Police Departments to pay for the use of Scotia Range. Mr. Elnitski noted that perhaps they could go in with the Fish Commission on the construction of their new range.

Appreciation Dinner: The Board noted that they would once again like to hold the annual appreciation dinner at the Hublersburg Hotel.

CORRESPONDENCE

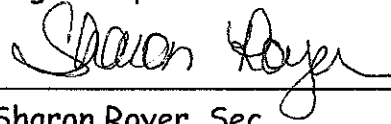
The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Principal Pension Plan Statements through 9/30/08
2. Centre County Conservation Comments
 - a. Grove Park
 - b. SCI Rockview Electrical Upgrades
 - c. Paradise Hills NPDES Permit
 - d. Penn State Federal Credit Union
 - e. SBWJA Sewer Extension
3. Pleasant Gap Fireman's Relief Audit
4. SBWJA Minutes September 22, 2008
5. Centre County Planning
 - a. Time Extension Mishock
6. SRBC Application for Approval
7. Letter from SBWJA Re: Floor Drains/Sump Pumps
8. Notice of Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition Housing Summit
9. Notice of Emergency Operations Plan Update Workshops

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board held an executive session on 10/20/08 from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. All three board members were present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:29 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Royer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sharon Royer, Sec.