

**Benner Township Supervisors  
December 21, 2009**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with members James Swartzell and Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Doug Weikel and Sharon Royer.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of December 7, 2009, were received by the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of December 21, 2009, 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. Breon – yes      Mr. Swartzell – yes      Mr. Elnitski – yes

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel went over the various plans that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Centre County Tax Collection Committee: Mrs. Royer noted that draft bylaws were distributed at the last meeting. An overview was gone over regarding the three different collection options that this committee has to choose from. Dates for the next three meetings were scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Creek Canyon: The Centre Daily Times newspaper articles were discussed. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would follow up with Hanna's office to see what the latest proposal is.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: The Board noted that they requested that Borough Council extend the December 31<sup>st</sup> agreement deadline to June 30<sup>th</sup> to give everyone involved additional time to reach an agreeable agreement.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he has met with representatives from the Alphas and Pleasant Gap to see if we have any other coverage options with them.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jayson Lose was present to express his interest in serving as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Lose noted that he has been a member of the Undine Fire Company since 1999 and has held the position of Captain and Assistant Chief in the Company. Mr. Lose further noted that Ron Schreffler has indicated that he will help Mr. Lose where needed to get him started in this capacity. Mr. Elnitski moved to start the paperwork for the appointment of Jayson Lose as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Fillmore Road/Fox Hill Road intersection Light: Mr. Elnitski noted that the overhead intersection light has been installed and has made a big difference in lighting up the intersection. Fullington will be responsible for paying the monthly electric bill for the light.

Township GIS program: Mr. Breon noted that he has requested that HRG, Inc. prepare some cost estimates on putting together a GIS program for the township. Mr. Weikel noted that he would prepare the proposals in writing for an upcoming meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2010 Budget: It was noted that no comments or questions were received on the Township's 2010 budget. Mr. Elnitski moved to adopt the 2010 budget as drafted. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ParenteBeard LLC /2009 Year End Audit: Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint the firm of ParenteBeard LLC to complete the Township's 2009 year end financial audits. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Pro-Am Cycling Event: The Board received a letter from David Butterworth, president of Pro-Am Cycling Events Inc. requesting permission to use Fillmore Road, Fox Hill Road and Rock Road for a time trial to be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion was held. The Board requested that Mr. Butterworth or a representative attend the Board's January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sheetz Waiver Request: The Board is in receipt of a waiver request from Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. for the Sheetz Land Development Plan.

The first request is from the Stormwater Management Ordinance, Article IV.402.B.17, Horizontal and Vertical Profiles of all open channels, including hydraulic capacity. Mr. Weikel noted that he has reviewed this request and

recommends approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve this waiver request. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

The second request is from the Street Standards Ordinance, Articles III.2.1.d, III.2.2 and III.2.3. Requirements to provide a high volume driveway entrance. Mr. Weikel noted that he has reviewed this request and recommends tabling this request until PennDoT comments on the TIS. Mr. Elnitski moved to table this waiver request upon Mr. Weikel's recommendation. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Andrew Weber Re: Support HB 1158
2. SBWJA Minutes of November 23, 2009
3. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of November 17, 2009
4. University Park Control Tower Commencement with Construction

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

Mr. Elnitski noted that the Board held an Executive Session on December 17, 2009, at the Benner Township Municipal Building from Noon until 1:15 p.m. All three Board members were present. Possible litigation and employee matters were discussed.

Mr. Breon moved to approve a 2% wage increase beginning January 1, 2010 for all employees and a \$2,500 bonus to Sharon Royer and a \$2,000 bonus to Renee Swancer for additional park and recreational duties that they have performed for the year 2009. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Sharon Royer, Sec