

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The reorganizational meeting of the Benner Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John Elnitski at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Dave Breon, Jim Swartzell, and John Elnitski. Also attending was Dan Horner, Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer, Thomas Brewster and Clair Stem. Sharon Royer, Secretary/Treasurer was absent.

Appointment of Chairman. Mr. Swartzell moved to reappoint John Elnitski as Chairman. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of Vice Chairman. Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint Jim Swartzell as Vice Chairman. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of Roadmaster. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Mr. Dennis O'Leary as Roadmaster. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Sharon Royer as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Ralph Houck; Back-up SEO, Warren Miller; Zoning Officer, Renee Swancer,; Engineering Firm, HRG, Inc., Bank (M&T Bank & Pliget); Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Representative for 2009, John Elnitski. Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint the above positions. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor/firm: Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint the firm of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir for solicitor for the year 2009. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of road crew: Dennis O'Leary, Norman Corl, Harold Meyer, Donald Tressler. Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint the above positions. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of PSATS Voting Delegate. Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint Mr. Swartzell as delegate. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Hearing Board, three year term. Mr. Elnitski tabled the appointment of this position.

Water Authority, five-year term. Mr. Elnitski tabled the appointment of this position.

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority, representative. Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint Mr. Bill Hughes to the position. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

Mr. Swartzell - yes

CPA Accounting Firm (Parente Randolph). Mr. Elnitski moved to retain the firm as CPA for the Township. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting dates and times for 2009. Mr. Elnitski moved to set the dates and times for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, and holidays will be rescheduled at a later time. Work sessions will be sent the 1st Thursdays of each month as needed. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

Mr. Swartzell - yes

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Benner Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman John Elnitski at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Dave Breon, Jim Swartzell, and John Elnitski. Also attending was Dan Horner, Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer, Thomas Brewster and Clair Stem. Sharon Royer, Secretary/Treasurer was absent.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 15, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Elnitski moved the approval of the minutes. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills, as presented with the additional check #29118. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Centre Peace, Thomas Brewster. Mr. Brewster from Centre Peace was present to discuss with the Board the mission of Centre Peace. Mr. Brewster expressed to the Board the petition circulated he feels has some inaccuracies contained within it. Mr. Brewster explained Centre Peace still wants to pursue their mission of providing a place for parolees to stay as transitional living until suitable housing can be found and to provide counseling services to these individuals if needed. Mr. Brewster only wants to house "men" and residents of Centre County. Mr. Brewster expressed the home would have "house rules" such as curfews, no smoking and drinking. Mr. Elnitski talked about the meeting the Supervisors are willing to host with Centre Peace and the residents to help mediate concerns and to discuss what Centre Peace wants to do. A date for the meeting was originally set for January 12th, but Ms. Elaine Schaeffer is not able to attend. Mr. Brewster asked if a letter from Centre Peace to petitioners would be helpful and would the Board be interested in reviewing the letter. Mr. Elnitski stated the Board could review the letter before it is sent. Another meeting date was discussed. January 22nd seem to work for all involved, and it was recommended the letter include this date. January 22nd is also a Planning Commission meeting and the Board felt it would be good to get the Commission involved in this discussion. Mr. Swartzell asked if Mr. Brewster could come up with a scope of activity planned for the men which would provide a better idea of activity under the training guidelines. Mr. Brewster agreed he could.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Update. Public hearing is scheduled for January 19th.

Spring Creek Canyon Property.

- a. EPD Contract Amendment for Approval - no action taken.
- b. Responsibility Chart Assessment - no action taken.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement - Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Real Lease Agreement for Backhoe Financing.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the backhoe approved at the last Supervisors meeting. The Supervisors thought that the purchase of the backhoe approved at the previous meeting was to be an "outright" purchase and not a lease. The financing for the backhoe is through "Real Lease"—the name of the company. Mrs. Swancer stated that with Mrs. Royer's family emergency, she was unclear about the financing details, and thought the purchase was "outright" and not leased. The documentation showed a purchase of \$1.00 at the end, which to Mr. Swartzell meant that the document was for "leased financing." Mr. Breon was uncomfortable approving such agreement without the specific details. Mr. Swartzell was going to follow-up on the details of the financing.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Planning Office Time Extensions
 - a. Village of Nittany Glen
 - b. Eagle Point Subdivision Phase III
 - c. 24/7 Final Plan
2. PSATS News Bulletin

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matters. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Breon made a motion for the following wage increases as follows:

Harold Meyers: \$.75 hour

Norman Corl: \$.75 hour

Donald Tressler: \$.70 hour

Renee Swancer: \$1,560 annual salary increase

Sharon Royer: \$1,560 annual salary increase

Dennis O'Leary: \$5,000 annual salary increase

William Frantz: \$.50 hour

and for duties performed outside of the job description, a one-time payment for Renee Swancer, \$2,000 and Sharon Royer, \$2,500.

Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Eltiski - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

Mr. Swartzell - yes

NOTES

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer