

Benner Township Supervisors

October 19, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, James Swartzell with member Dave Breon present. Mr. Elnitski was absent. Also in attendance were Ed Guenot, Garren Smith, Clair Stem, Warren Miller, Dennis O'Leary, Renee Swancer and Doug Weikel.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Warren Miller: Mr. Miller noted that he would like to discuss the Seibert Road sewer extension road restoration work.

Lower Gyp Road: Mr. Miller noted that he applied for a road occupancy permit when they were installing the sewer line on Lower Gyp Road which consists of an oil and stone roadway. The permit was approved with a certain type of oil and chip. Mr. Miller noted that that repair that was used was one of the least expensive methods however, it met Penn Dot specifications. The repair that Mr. O'Leary requested was over 150% more than what the bid price allowed for. Additionally, Mr. Miller noted that at the request of Mr. O'Leary blacktop aprons around the manholes were installed. It appears that the manholes should be a few inches lower, but to lower them now would be a huge expense as it would be to raise the roadway to meet them.

Northern Part of Raymond's Lane: Mr. Miller noted that this section of roadway had been tarred and chipped and the authority paved the road which really improved the road. It was noted that there are some manholes that the pavement isn't great around and the pavement in the one area causes a small bump. Mr. Miller noted that he agrees that the one manhole will need addressed.

Seibert Road: Mr. Miller noted that there were cracks that they have repaired with a sealent. He noted that a couple of the manholes on Seibert Road will be dressed up around.

Mr. Weikel noted that the only way to get Lower Gyp Road back to it's original condition is years and layers of tar and chipping. Mr. Weikel noted that the manhole aprons and the manholes that sunk need to be repaired to Mr. O'Leary's satisfaction. Mr. Weikel noted that he thinks that the Authority went beyond what they needed to do for the repairs of Raymond's Lane. He noted that the cracks will need to be maintained to prevent further damage.

Mr. Miller noted that resolution doesn't need to be reached tonight but he would like to see resolution soon.

Seibert Road Sewer Extension Project Update: Mr. Miller noted that there are still three properties that have yet to connect to the sewer line. Mr. Miller noted that the ones that need to connect are all within 100 feet of the line. Mr. Miller noted that the Authority's attorney sent these individuals a letter in July or August listing their alternatives. It was noted that the date for final connection was January 2009. The Board indicated to Mr. Miller to proceed in making these last properties connect.

Western End of Seibert Road Extension - 7 homes: Mr. Miller noted that since the sewer line has been run in Grove Park, they would now like to extend the sewer line to the remaining 7 homes along Seibert Road. Mr. Miller noted that one of the residents is not in favor of the extension and one that is constructing a new home that the line can't be installed soon enough. It was noted that this area was indicated to be sewerred in the Township's Act 537 Plan that was adopted in 2001.

Benner Township Water Authority: Mr. Miller noted that the Water Authority would like to see the township adopt an ordinance to insure that if a development is proposing public water system that they are required to construct that system to the Benner Township Water Authority's specifications.

Septic Management Plan: Mr. Miller noted that they hope to start the septic management plan next year with the required septic tank pumping.

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem questioned why Allegheny Power has their service lines running the way they do and why his home can't be connected to the main line that runs with the road. The Board noted that all they can do is send Allegheny a letter of inquiry.

Garren Smith & Ed Guenot:

Grove Park Lot 67 Driveway Exception: Mr. Smith noted that they have an individual interested in Lot 67 of the Grove Park Subdivision that wants to construct a loop driveway which would require an additional 12' curb depression to be installed. Mr. Smith noted further that ELA has reviewed the plans for the proposed home to be constructed as well as the driveway and is proposing the additional stormwater be sumped in the island of the

driveway. Mr. Breon moved to grant an exception to the waiver granted to Grove Park on October 3, 2005. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Ballfield Lot: Mr. Smith noted that they are ready to proceed in deeding the ballfield lot over to the Township. Copies of draft deed, easement agreement and stormwater easements were given to the board for their review. Mr. Breon moved to forward these documents on to the Township Solicitor for review and comments. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of October 5, 2009, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of October 19, 2009, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel reported on the items that he has been reviewing on the board's behalf.

It was noted that PennDot has granted a year time extension until 5/1/10 to have the Valentine Hill Roadway closed off. Discussion was held. Mr. Breon moved to have Attorney Schnoover send a letter to the developers of Amberleigh that if the road closure to Valentine Hill Road isn't completed by the deadline of April 1, 2010 that the Township will be forced to move on their surety package to complete the job. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

TIP Update: Mr. Weikel noted that he would recommend that the list the Supervisors send to the CRMPO for potential TIP projects include 550 enhancements and airport safety improvements.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Road Bonds - to be released later in the meeting.

Fox Ridge: they are trying to get the pavement base down.

Opequon Hill: Street signs are now up.

Back Hoe: It was noted that the replacement hoe that we received broke down after 10 minutes of use. It has been taken back for repairs.

Crack Sealing: It was noted that the tar material has been ordered for crack sealing. State College Borough has agreed to put the material down for us.

Trees: Mr. O'Leary noted that the road crew has been doing a lot of tree chipping since the snowstorm.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that the Haunted trail is scheduled for October 24th with the rain date being October 31st.

Mrs. Swancer noted that EPD should be finished with the overlay ordinance in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Centre County Airport Authority: Mr. Swartzell reported that the two main topics discussed at the meeting this month were 1) Consolidation Plan for the Authority's properties and 2) the land swap for the Control Tower between the University and the Authority.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Nothing new to report.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection: It was noted that Sharon Royer and Jim Swartzell will be meeting with the Borough's Finance Director to go over the proposed budget that we were given. Mr. Breon noted that he would like the assessed values being used to be reconfirmed.

Budget Meeting: The Board chose the evening of October 26th for a budget meeting.

YMCA: It was noted that the YMCA is looking at other locations for their facility.

Fullington Bus: It was noted that Mr. Elnitski has heard back from Fullington Bus that Patton Township has agreed to pay for a third of the

cost for the light installation and Fullington will pay for 1/3 and the monthly electric bill. Mr. Breon moved to approve paying 1/3 of the installation cost of the street light at the intersection of Fox Hill Road and Fillmore Road. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Garbage Collection: It was noted that the public meeting will be held on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building prior to the Board's regular meeting. The draft ordinance is complete for the most part and can be forwarded on to the Solicitor for advertising.

NEW BUSINESS

Deeds of Dedication for Opequon Hills Roads: It was noted that the deeds of dedication for roadways in Opequon Hills Development are ready for adoption. Mr. Breon moved to approve Resolution 09-06 which accepts Meadow Flower Circle, Resolution 09-07 which accepts Reichenbaugh Lane, and Resolution 09-08 which accepts Crestview Drive. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Anti-skid Bids: Sealed bids were opened anti-skid for the 2009/2010 winter season and were as follows:

	FOB Plant	Delivered to Building
Hanson Aggregates	8.68	11.43
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	8.75	11.35

Mr. Breon moved to accept the low bidders in each category. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Maxwell Trucking Road Bond Release: Mr. Swartzell moved to release Maxwell Trucking from their road bond on Fox Hill/Rock Road. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Penn Recycling Road Bond Release: Mr. Swartzell moved to release Penn Recycling from their road bond on Purdue Mt. Road. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Sheetz Planning Module Exemption Card: Mr. Breon moved to approve the planning module exemption card for Sheetz. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

First Night Donation: Mr. Swartzell moved to approve a \$100 donation to First Night. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Running Club: Mr. Breon moved to approve the Nittany Valley Running Club to use Rock Road on December 6 with the same conditions as in the past. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Long Range Transportation Plan: Discussion was held concerning possible projects to add to this list. Some suggestions were 550 sight improvements and Fox Hill Road - turning lanes, etc. This item will again be discussed at the next Board meeting when Mr. Elnitski is present.

Zartman Construction Road Bonding for Fox Hill/Rock Road: It was noted that Zartman Construction wishes to bond a section of Fox Hill Road and Rock Road in the amount of \$32,500. Mr. Breon moved to approve Road Maintenance Bond 09-06 in the amount of \$32,500. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

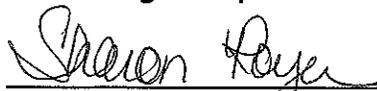
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes September 28, 2009
2. Note from Denise Jenkins Re: Fire Protection
3. Notice of starting for Hazard Mitigation Planning Update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:16 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Sec.