

**Benner Township Supervisors  
April 15, 2010**

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, Jr. with members Dave Breon and Randy Moyer present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Dennis O'Leary, Pam Adams, Steve Lanich, Thomas Eby, Rick Bjalme, Delmer Dashem, Ed Brungard, Mike Fetzer, Jerry May, Elsie Witherite, Renee Swancer, Sharon Royer and Warren Miller.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Warren Miller: Mr. Miller noted that several months ago the residents of Peru forwarded a petition to the Supervisors asking that a feasibility study be done to see what it would cost to have their water system upgraded. The Supervisors turned this matter over to the Benner Township Water Authority to look into. Mr. Miller noted that an income survey was done to see if this area met the guidelines to qualify for CDBG funds from the County. It has been determined that they do meet the income guidelines. It was noted that the current system is 75 years old and consists of 2" galvanized lines. The proposed project would require the replacement of about 3,000' of main line with an 8" or a minimum of 6" line for increased fire protection. It was noted that the County has reviewed the Township's request and is willing to contribute CDBG funds to this project. It is noted that the Supervisors must agree to adopt a mandatory connection ordinance in order for these funds to be made available. The Peru area would then be made customers of the Benner Township Water Authority. Current rates are \$90 per quarter for 15,000 gallon minimum. Mr. Miller noted that it has been mentioned that the project could receive \$100,000 in CDBG funds. The Township would apply for additional funds next year as well as looking for funds in other areas. It was mentioned that the group could go together and upgrade the lines themselves at a lower cost but they would not qualify for grant funds. The final costs of the project are not yet known and won't be known until the project is placed out for bid.

Mr. Breon moved to approve and sign the Certification for Mandatory Tap in Fees which will allow the Township to be available for CDBG Funds. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer - yes                      Mr. Breon – yes                      Mr. Elnitski – yes

Pam Adams – Garbage Update: Mrs. Adams reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of collection has been complete. There are currently 68 unpaid invoices in Benner Township which is comparable to the rest of the region. It was noted that residents have received their bills and a late notice reminder notice. The next step is a final notice letter. The Board decided that this letter should be on Township letterhead and signed by Mr. Elnitski. After this letter is sent, and a determined time elapses, service will be terminated and a certified letter will be sent. The next step after this is submitting the matter to the District Magistrate.

The Board noted that they would like Mrs. Adams to be the township's enforcement officer for the garbage and recycling ordinance.

Mrs. Adams noted that this summer when she receives an intern that they will concentrate on educating the commercial properties of the Township on the recycling requirements in the ordinance. She noted that several on the list that have home offices are already recycling with their residential garbage.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of April 5, 2010, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of April 15, 2010, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel went over the projects that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf. It was noted that Sheetz has submitted their final plan. The Hartle plan is waiting for their E & S approval. Benner Commerce Park is starting up with infrastructure construction again. The Airport Parking lot will need to complete a conditional use application. Mr. Weikel noted that GIS personnel is willing to come to the Township and offer some training on using the system.

## **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Leary noted that the road projects planned for this year include: Purdue Mt. Road at the Bellefonte end will be scratch coated and leveled. Rock Road beginning at Barns Lane heading South at the length of 1,270'. Base repairs to Fillmore Road from the Village of Nittany Glen to Fox Hill Road. Roopsburg Road from 550 to the Township line. Tar and chipping are planned for Fishburn Hill Road and Barns Lane. Three pipe crossings will need to be replaced on Roopsburg Road. One of the crossings will require a GP4 permit which Mr. Weikel's assistance will be required. It was noted that it has been decided to regrade and oil with MC-70 Lower Gyp Road. Spring Benner Walker has committed \$8,000 towards this work.

It was noted that the old bleachers located at the Township Building field need to be replaced. The Board noted to go ahead and order new bleachers for that location.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Spring Creek Canyon Ordinance: The Board asked that electronic copies of this ordinance be forwarded to them.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Elnitski reported that he is now serving on an MPO Sub-committee which will organize and rank MPO proposed projects.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Creek Canyon Land Transfer: Mr. Elnitski noted that work is continuing on the wording for the deed restrictions and where the property lines will be drawn.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection: Mr. Elnitski noted that he attended a meeting with a group representing all the municipalities and the facilitator who has been contracted to work on reaching an agreement on the fire protection.

Truck Loan: It was noted that the expected delivery of the new truck is now the end of May, therefore the loan paperwork for the truck with Jersey Shore State Bank will need to be extended. Mr. Elnitski moved to extend the loan agreement for 30 additional days. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Opequon Hills Phase I Surety: It was noted that all of the necessary improvements have been completed for Phase I of Opequon Hill, therefore, surety may be released. Mr. Elnitski moved to release the surety. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Village of Nittany Glen Non-Substantive Change: It was noted that this item needs to be tabled until the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

- 1. SBWJA Minutes of March 22, 2010
- 2. Sheetz Land Development Final Plans

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:38 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.