

## Benner Township Supervisors

March 1, 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 Timothy Schnoover, Pam Adams, Clair Stem, Brad Milanese, Tom Eby, Warren Miller, Steve Lanich, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer.

### PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Pam Adams: Mrs. Adams was present to give the Board an update on the township's new trash program. Mrs. Adams noted that 4 of the 6 individuals that we were anticipating to be all out protesters are participating and have paid their bills. She noted that roughly 6% of the township hasn't paid their bills of yet but have until the end of the month to do so. She noted that she is very pleased with these numbers. Reminder notices will be mailed shortly.

Discussion was held concerning recycling for the commercial properties. Mrs. Adams noted that this can be accomplished in various different ways. Those that don't have a lot of recycling material may choose to bring their materials to a drop off site. Larger companies may find that they need recycling dumpsters brought in just for recycling materials. Mrs. Adams noted that most commercial haulers do charge an additional fee to collect recycling on top of the normal garbage collection rate. She noted further that she hoped to be able to concentrate on this during the second half of the year.

Warren Miller Re: Peru Water: Mr. Miller noted that the Water Authority has received a petition from most of the residents of Peru asking that their water lines be upgraded. It was noted that the 1936 agreement for water to the Village of Peru was between the Commonwealth and Benner Township. Mr. Miller noted that he spoke with Frank Tennis (current Superintendent of the Rockview State Prison) and Jim Eckert concerning this request. Mr. Tennis indicated that they would like to see the waterlines upgraded as they have had to have the residents fix leaking waterlines on several occasions that has resulted in large sums of water loss. Mr. Miller noted that Rockview doesn't seem to have a problem with continuing to serve the Village with water, however residents have never paid for water and that will most likely change. It was noted that there is around 1,500' of line with 1,500' of additional service lines that would need to be replaced. There are approximately 21 properties that are served by this system. It is estimated that each property owner would be looking at a cost of approximately \$20,000 to pay their share of the line replacement and then running new laterals into their homes. Mr. Miller noted that financial surveys are going to be distributed to the residents to see if the project would qualify for any CDBG funds to help off set the cost. It was noted that not all of the property owners signed the petition so opposition may surface once the surveys are distributed. Mr. Elnitski moved to give the Benner Township Water Authority permission to proceed with this issue. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Breon – yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Miller noted that the deadline for returning the surveys is March 12<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he would update the Board on this subject after that time.

Sewer Extension: Mr. Miller noted that the final two properties will be connected to the sewerline this week. It was noted that the Authority put the work out for bid and the lowest bidder on each job will be connecting the homes.

Brad Milanese – Summer Park & Rec.: Mr. Milanese gave the board a copy of his 2009 year end report on last years' Summer Camp. An overview was given as to what Mr. Milanese has planned for this year's Summer Camp. It was noted that two counselors will need to be hired. Mr. Elnitski noted that resumes should be submitted to the Township office. Mrs. Royer indicated that she would place the vacancies on the Township's website. Discussion was held on when camp should start. It was decided that the first day of camp would be June 28<sup>th</sup> and run through August 6<sup>th</sup>. A two week extended camp will also be offered. Discussion was also held on camp T-shirts. The Board noted that new shirts could be purchased as long as the same color and design as last year is used. Mr. Milanese noted that the entrance dates are the child must be 5 as of 6/1 and no older than 12 on 6/1. Mr. Milanese noted that he has some concerns with campers who need TSS services and insuring that everything is handled properly. Mr. Schnoover noted that he would review the current registration form to insure that the proper waivers are included. Mr. Milanese noted that he would keep the Board up to date as it gets closer to June.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of February 15, 2010, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of March 1, 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

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

PSU Manure Storage: Mrs. Swancer noted that she has received a draft letter from Mr. Weikel which addresses the Penn State University's manure storage area possible resolution for compliance with the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would review the letter and submit his comments back to Mrs. Swancer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Mr. Breon reported that the Brandywine Conservancy gave a presentation that the Commission's last meeting.

CCMPO: Mr. Elnitski noted that the last meeting Marion Township asked to become a member. The group discussed setting up procedures to follow for allowing new members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Creek Canyon Property: Mr. Elnitski noted that he attended a meeting today concerning the Canyon Property. Possible deed restriction wording was discussed as was boundary lines for the various proposed property owners.

Mr. Elnitski noted that discussion was also held about the existing gun range and possibly relocating it out of the Canyon which would allow additional agencies the ability to use the range.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: Mr. Breon reported with the new assessed values that were received from the County that Benner Township's contribution should be around \$64,000.

Township Truck: Resolution 10-2 was prepared which authorizes the Township to secure an \$80,000 - 48 month equipment loan from Jersey Shore State Bank at the interest rate of 4.15%. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve Resolution 10-2. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Wolf Furniture Building Planning Module: It was noted that the completed module has yet to be submitted so this item will remain tabled.

Road Superintendent's Phone Bill: Mrs. Royer noted that she spoke with the Township's CPA who is stating that taxes wouldn't need to be withheld from payment made to Mr. O'Leary for reimbursement of a portion of his cell phone bill. Mr. Breon moved to reimburse Mr. O'Leary \$25 per month towards his cell phone bill expense. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of February 8, 2010
2. E & S Approval letter for Tricore Development (Wolf's Furniture)
3. Centre County Planning Office
  - a. Time Extension - Air Traffic Control Tower
  - b. Preliminary Plan of Sheetz Land Development comments

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:55 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.