

**Benner Township Supervisors
December 19, 2011**

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, John Walker, Warren Miller, Ed Galus, Vern Squier, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Warren Miller: Mr. Miller was present to discuss possible options for the Township's SEO services in June after Mr. Houck retires. Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Houck has suggested that it would be convenient if all sewage (public and on lot) be handled under one roof especially after the on-lot management program begins. It was noted that Spring Township will also need to have a new SEO as Mr. Houck was theirs as well. Mr. Miller noted that he feels that himself working with Ms. Lupton (Soil Scientist) would be able to handle the job. Discussion was held. The Board suggested that Mr. Miller check with Spring Township to see what plans they have. The Board suggested that Mr. Miller attend their second meeting of February to report what he has found out with Spring Township.

Mr. Miller also noted that Denny Ripka's term is up on the Sewer Authority and recommends that he be reappointed to the Board for an additional term. Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Ripka is a valuable member and represents Benner Township well. The Board noted that since they adopted the term limit resolution that they can't make any promises for reappointment.

Vern Squier – CBICC: Mrs. Swancer noted that CBICC's surety will expire at the end of the year for the remaining items for the Benner Commerce Park Plan. The Chamber has asked for a reduction in the amount from \$141,460 to \$121,000. It was noted that this amount has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and has been found to be acceptable. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the surety renewal and reduction. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Breon – yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Squier noted that he would like to request a waiver from supplying the Board surety for Benner Commerce Park. Mr. Squier noted that as he understands it the only remaining item is to install the traffic signal and that PennDot will not allow that to happen until traffic counts are warranted. Discussion was held. Mr. Weikel explained that the light is shown on the recorded plans; therefore, until it is installed surety will need to be continued. It was explained that this is the only guarantee that the funds will be available to the Township to install the light should the developer default. The Board noted that they understand that this is somewhat different than most residential developments with the risks involved, but both types of developments are treated equally under the Municipalities Planning Code regulations. Mr. Squier questioned if any other methods are available so that the CBICC isn't spending money each year on the surety renewal. The Board noted that they would need to check with counsel if it would be acceptable if the Chamber wanted to give the Township the amount of the light to hold in an interest bearing account until the light is needed.

The Board noted that the Township will need to have all of the necessary surety documents prior to the end of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Elnitski noted that the Fire Task Force will hold a meeting at the CPI building on January 25th at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from ISO will be attending.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Elnitski noted that the township was not mentioned in the list of projects funded in the 2011 round of C2P2 funding.

ROW Regulatory Ordinance: This item was tabled.

Krouts Road Bridge: Mr. Moyer noted that he has called and left a message for Mr. Catherman and is waiting for a return call.

Recreation Authority: Mr. Elnitski noted that a February joint meeting is being proposed for those involved in the Nittany Valley Planning Commission about the possibility of forming a joint Recreation Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Minutes
 - a. November 14, 2011
 - b. November 30, 2011
2. Notice of Interest to Serve on P.C. – Lee Copper
3. Notice from Comcast Re: Rate changes
4. ELA notice of Amberleigh NPDES permit renewal
5. SCI Benner – NPDES permit plan revisions

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:01 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Sec.