

**Benner Township Supervisors
September 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, Clair Stem, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem noted that he wants the brush that is growing in the ditches near his driveway removed. He noted that he has been told by the previous Road Superintendent that it would be done and that he is still waiting several years later. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would address this issue with the current Road Superintendent.

Mr. Stem also noted that his neighbor's horses are constantly getting loose and running at large. Mrs. Swancer noted that the state police has been contacted regarding this matter.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 8, 2011, 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 September 19, 2011, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer 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 Township's behalf.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she doesn't have anything else to add.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Breon noted that he attended the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting. The group discussed that they should be reviewing the 109 plan recommendations that were outlined in the Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan to see what has and has not been addressed.

Kepler Pool – Mr. Elnitski noted that a joint meeting will be held within the next week to discuss what to do with the Kepler Pool. He noted that it has been brought up about creating a regional recreation authority to deal with the pool.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Elnitski noted that the commemoration ceremony is scheduled for September 30th at 2.

ROW Regulatory Ordinance: This item remains tabled.

Park Electrical Quote: Mrs. Swancer noted that she is still waiting for a revised quote on the upgraded material.

Grove Park Phase I and III Surety Reduction and Renewal: It was noted that Grove Park Associates is requesting that the surety for Phase I of Grove Park be reduced to \$43,018.06 and Phase III to be reduced to \$89,150.66. It was noted further that all of these cost estimates have been reviewed by HRG, Inc. and were found to be in order. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the surety reduction and renewal of Grove Park Phase I and III. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

It was noted that the Board held an executive session this evening from 7:10 to 7:25 to discuss pending litigation. All three Board members were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter Carrier Rally: Mrs. Swancer noted that the Board is in receipt of a letter from the Local Letter Carriers Group stating that they wish to hold a rally at Glenn Thompson's office. Mrs. Swancer noted that there isn't anything in the ordinances against it but that she wanted the Board to be aware of what was going on. She noted that the group leader was informed that this building is also the location of several other businesses and that parking spaces needed to remain open for them.

2012 MMO: The Board was presented the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation worksheet that must be approved by the Board as required by the State by the end of September each year for the following year. The amount of the 2012 MMO is \$55,838.03 which will need to be included for the upcoming budget. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the 2012 MMO. Mr. Breon 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 August 8, 2011
2. Conservation District Reports

- a. Lyn Lee Farms Fill Site
- b. Lions Gate Self Storage
- 3. County Planning Office
 - a. Lot Addition/Replot – Esther Thomas

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed to hold its first budget meeting on October 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:55 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.