

Benner Township Supervisors  
2012 Re-Organizational Meeting  
January 3, 2012

The re-organizational meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Benner Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present included John Elnitski, Randy Moyer and David Wise. Also in attendance were Pam Adams, Dennis Ripka, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer.

**Organization of the Board:**

Chairman Appointment: Mr. Moyer moved to approve David Wise as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman Appointment: Mr. Wise moved to approve Randy Moyer as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Employee Liaison: Discussion was held as to if the Township needs an appointment of Employee Liaison. After discussion, Mr. Elnitski moved that he be appointed to the position of Employee Liaison. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

**Appointment of Positions:**

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint Sharon Royer as the Township's Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Wise moved to reappoint Ralph Houck as the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer until his retirement in June. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Back Up Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Warren Miller as the Township's Back up Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Officer: Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint Renee Swancer as the Township's Zoning Officer. Due to the lack of a second to the motion, the motion died. Mrs. Swancer noted that there are permits pending and a closing that needs an occupancy permit for the end of the week. Mr. Elnitski expressed concerns for this action and asked the Board to reconsider.

Building Code Officer: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Harry Burd as the Township's Building Code Officer. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Solicitor/Firm: Mr. Wise moved to reappoint the firm of Babst Calland Clements and Zomnir as the Township's law firm with Tim Schoonover being the Board's primary Solicitor. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Engineering Firm: Mr. Elnitski moved to reappoint the firm of HRG, Inc. as the Township's Engineering Firm. Due to the lack of a second to the motion, the motion died. Mrs. Swancer noted that there are several plans that Mr. Weikel is currently reviewing with one of them be critical with his comments needing to be forwarded on to the County as not to slow up their planning approval/commencement with construction process. Mr. Wise asked that a list be composed of active plans that HRG, Inc. is reviewing on behalf of the Township.

Bank: Mr. Wise moved that the Township retain the banks of M & T and PLGIT as the Township's depositories. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Road Superintendent/Road Master: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Dennis O'Leary as the Township's Road Superintendent/Road Master. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Road Crew Appointment: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Norman Corl, Harold Meyer and Donald Tressler as the Township's Full-Time Road Department as well as William Frantz and Steve Zelznick as part-time seasonal employees. Full-time employees are to receive a \$250/clothing allowance with part-time employees to receive a \$100 allowance. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Appointment of PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Randy Moyer as the Township's PSATS Voting Delegate. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Don Baum to the Benner Township Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Benner Township Water Authority: Mrs. Royer noted that Mark Capriani's term is up on the Water Authority but she is unsure since records are no longer kept at the office if he has served one term or two. The Board asked that this appointment be tabled until the information can be confirmed.

Benner Township Planning Commission: It was noted that a position is vacant for a 4 year term. Mr. Lee Copper expressed an interest in the vacancy and submitted an application at the Board's last meeting. Mr. Wise moved to appoint Lee Copper to the Benner Township Planning Commission for a four year term. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Centre County Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Wise moved to reappoint Sharon Royer as the Township's Centre County Tax Collection Committee appointee with Randy Moyer being the alternate. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

Spring Benner Walker Joint Sewer Authority: It was noted that Dennis Ripka's term is up at the Sewer Authority. Mr. Ripka was present and noted to the Board that he would like to serve the Township for an additional term. Mr. Moyer noted that Dan Hoffman has expressed interest in serving, the Board has received an application from Brian Book and Mrs. Royer indicated that Robert Peters has also expressed interest in serving on the Board. This appointment was tabled until the Board's next meeting.

CRMPO Technical Committee: The Board asked that due to the lack of having a Township Engineer at this time this item should be tabled.

CRMPO Coordinating Committee: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint John Elnitski to a two year term as Benner Township's representative as the CRMPO Coordinating Committee. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Spring Creek Watershed Commission/Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. Wise moved to appoint himself as the Township's representative to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – abstain      Mr. Wise – yes

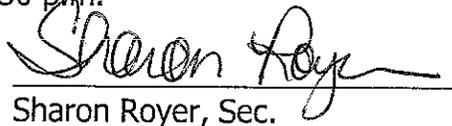
### **Other Business**

Meeting Dates and Times: Discussion was held. Mr. Elnitski noted that he felt that having only one meeting per month was not being business friendly. Mr. Moyer moved to schedule the Board's meetings for the first Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – no      Mr. Wise - yes

Employee Wage Review: Tabled until the end of the meeting.

The Re-Organizational meeting was suspended to be concluded after the end of the regular meeting. The time being 8:30 p.m.

  
Sharon Royer, Sec.

**Benner Township Supervisors  
January 3, 2012**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:31 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Pam Adams, Dennis Ripka and Sharon Royer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Pam Adams: Mrs. Adams noted that Benner Township joined COG with the garbage and recycling contract in 2010. The contract was for three year period which will end in December 2012. Veolia has requested a two year extension which is allowed for in the original contract. Mrs. Adams noted that if the Board has any concerns about extending the contract that members should get their concerns to her for the February meeting. Mrs. Adams reported that currently Benner Township is about the same as the other municipalities in the contract with a handful that won't pay their bills timely and the amount that are on the hardship program. The customer satisfaction survey will be inserted with the bills this month. The results of the survey will be given to the Public Services Committee in February.

Mrs. Adams noted that there is a small rate increase of .21 for the 2012 year. Part of this increase was absorbed by the recycling rebate.

It was noted that the Centre County Solid Waste Authority has changed their regulations dealing with disposing of tvs, computers, as well as some other electronic devices. These items will no longer be accepted as land fill items. They will, however, be accepted during the bulk pick up weeks.

Mrs. Adams passed out brochures that have been created that deals with businesses recycling. She noted that education for businesses on the benefits of recycling will be stressed this year.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of December 19, 2011, were presented to the Board for their review and comment. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes      Mr. Elnitski – yes      Mr. Wise – abstained

## **BILLS**

The bills of January 3, 2012, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Elnitski reported that there will be a meeting held on January 25, 2012 at 6 p.m. at CPI with the Fire Task Force. ISO will be present to explain how they determine the ratings.

Mr. Elnitski also reported that there will be a meeting on January 31, 2012 at 6 p.m. at CPI to discuss the possibility of creating a regional recreational authority.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Elnitski reported that the accesses for the properties are still being reviewed by the state's legal department. It was noted further that this is one of the items that must be completed in order for the subdivision to proceed.

ROW Regulatory Ordinance: This item remains tabled.

Krout's Road Bridge: Mr. Elnitski noted that the State inspected the bridge again on Friday and indications are that they may change the rating to a "0" due to the lack of guiderail and the undermining that has taken place. If this happens, the State gives the Township 7 days to begin repairs or could force the Township to close the bridge to all traffic. The Board noted that they would work on gathering more information on the companies, options, and costs for the repairs.

Walker's Request for Zoning Change: No new information has been received.

Centre County Chamber of Business and Industry Surety Agreement: Mr. Elnitski reported that the Township did not receive the renewed/reduced surety agreement for \$121,000 from the CBICC for Benner Commerce Park before the old one expired on December 31, 2011. Discussion was held. Mr. Elnitski moved to send the Chamber a letter stating that if the surety agreement is not received by the Board's February meeting that the Board will be faced to proceed with legal action against them. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Vacancies: Mr. Elnitski stated that he feels that the engineering and zoning vacancies should be addressed yet this month and not be left until the Board's February meeting. The board decided that they would advertise to hold a regular meeting on January 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. to begin these discussions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The board received the following correspondence:

- 1. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes – November 15, 2011
- 2. Conservation District E & S Plan Re: Peru Water System

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wise moved to adjourn the regular meeting the time being 9:45 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

  
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 Sharon Royer, Sec.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 9:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. to discuss employee wages. All three board members were present.

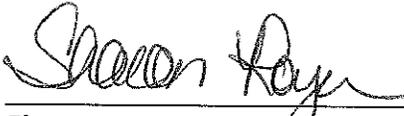
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The re-organizational meeting was reconvened the time being 10:31 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance was Sharon Royer.

Mr. Wise made a motion that all full time employees shall receive a 2% wage increase with the part time seasonal employees to receive a .25 per hour increase. Sharon Royer is to receive a \$2,500 bonus and Renee Swancer is to receive a \$2,000 bonus for the additional recreational work that they did during 2011. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

The re-organizational meeting was adjourned the time being 10:35 p.m.

  
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 Sharon Royer, Sec.