

Benner Township Supervisors  
October 18, 2012  
Special Meeting

The specially advertised meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise, with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Dennis O'Leary, Tim Schoonover, Lindsay Schoch, Renee Swancer, Andrew Ramish, Tracey Ramish and Sharon Royer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Ramishs: Mr. Wise noted that the Township has asked for bids on completing the installation of the system that was dictated by the permit that was issued. Bids received were for \$12,000 and up. It was noted that with the late date it is almost too late for the completion. One option that was discussed was to make the existing tank into a holding tank (that would require regularly pumping) over the winter until spring when the weather breaks and the system installation can be completed. Mr. Elnitski moved to turn this matter over to the Township's current Sewage Enforcement Officer, Chuck Herr, to determine a pumping schedule and requirements with the Ramishs for no longer than June 15<sup>th</sup> at which time the new system must be installed. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes                      Mr. Wise – yes

**BILLS**

The bills of October 18, 2012, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes                      Mr. Wise – yes

**OLD BUSINESS**

Krout's Bridge: It was noted that the joint meeting with PennDot and other officials will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the bridge repair options.

Amberleigh Surety: Mr. Schoonover noted that he sent a letter to the surety company and Mr. Glass last week submitting a claim on the bond. The bond company followed up asking what the deficiencies are. That information was relayed and no more communication has been received.

Recreation Authority: It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon. It is tentative scheduled to have all parties advertise the ordinance in November for a December meeting adoption. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would attend the next meeting to ask that the scope be amended to include other items other than the pool.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Glenn at Paradise Hills West: Gravel Hill Road: The Township is in receipt of a request for them to approve of the new road name of "Midway Drive" that will be constructed in the Glenn at Paradise Hills West development. It was noted that the name has already been approved by the County's 911 addressing specialist. Mr. Wise moved to approve the road name. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Bellefonte Borough Re: Spreading of Bio-Solids: It was noted that the Township has received a notice from Bellefonte Borough that they are applying for DEP approval to spread Bio-Solid materials from their sewage treatment plant on to the Jesse Schaeffer Farm. Mr. Wise noted that he would draft a letter to DEP concerning this item and pointing out all of the sink holes that are located on that property.

Willowbend Catch Detention Basin Clean Out: Discussion was held with Mr. Schoonover regarding the outstanding matter of the detention basins needing to be cleaned out in the Willowbend Subdivision. It was noted that in the agreements of the development that it is the home owners association's responsibility to maintain these basins. Mr. Schoonover noted that he would draft a letter to be sent to the property owners regarding this issue.

Hunting on Township lands: Mr. Elnitski noted that he has conditionally signed an agreement with the PA Game Commission allowing hunting to take place on the Township's Canyon area properties so that the Township will be covered by the Game Commission's insurance. Mr. Wise moved to approve signing this document with the Game Commission allowing hunting on the Township's Canyon area properties. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Equipment Storage Building Extension: Mr. O'Leary noted that he has received a quote on extending the equipment storage building by an additional bay. Mrs. Royer noted that they are funds in the 2012 budget that can be utilized for this building addition. Mr. Elnitski moved to authorized the requests of quotes to move forward for a building extension to the equipment storage building. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Tractor with Bucket: The equipment budget was gone over. It was noted that there are still funds in the 2012 budget that would allow for the purchase of a new larger tractor with a bucket attachment. Mr. O'Leary noted that this tractor with bucket attachment is large enough to serve as a back up to the backhoe to load trucks should the backhoe be needed to work off site. Mr. Wise moved to place the tractor with bucket out for bids. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Budget: The Board worked on preparing the 2013 Township Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:28 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary