

**Benner Township Board of Supervisors
April 1, 2013**

The regularly scheduled 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, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Warren Miller, Tim Miller, Dan Hoffman, Bill Hughes, Tom Moyer, Michele Aukerman, Helen Alters, Dennis O'Leary, Don Franson, Lindsay Schoch, and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Warren Miller/SBWJA – Septage Management Plan: Mr. Miller presented the Board with a draft septage management ordinance. It was noted that this ordinance was a draft that he received from Ralph Houck and Tom Bowes. He noted further that when comparing it to other ordinances that he has reviewed and that they are all worded about the same. Mr. Miller noted that initial thoughts would be to divide the township into three sections with a section to be done each year. He also noted that as a way to keep costs to a minimum could be to bid out the pumping similar to the way that the garbage was done. Discussion was held on how to best handle the fees associated with the inspections and pumping. Option 1 would be to charge everyone a yearly fee with Option 2 being to charge the homeowner the entire fee at the time of their scheduled pumping. Mr. Elnitski questioned if people would have a problem paying the annual fee when some will be paying for two years without seeing any type of service for their money. He asked that legal council be consulted to see if they can see any problems handling payment with the annual fee option. Mr. Miller asked the Board to review the ordinance and forward any questions or concerns on to him. He noted that he will also be attending Walker Township's meeting this week to do a similar presentation.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 4, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 1, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary reported on the following:

*Review was done for the surety reduction for Grove Park Phase II.

*Benner Commerce Park it was noted that sinkholes are developing around the detention basin.

*New T-Tag truck was delivered. Old truck will be placed up for auction as well as the tractor in a few days.

*Mr. O'Leary noted that he has been approached by Berks Homes questioning when they could get permits for more homes.

*Boom mower for the new tractor. It was noted that they are still shopping to see what the best one to purchase will be. Mr. Elnitski moved to allow Mr. O'Leary to purchase a boom mower at the cost of no more than \$15,000. Mr. Moyer second the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Amberleigh Settlement agreement: Discussion was held with Mr. Franson regarding the proposed settlement agreement with Lexon for the remaining items in the Amberleigh Development. It was noted that sidewalks are not included in the agreement but that the builder has been installing the sidewalks as the buildings are being built. Discussion was held about placing signage up a few days to a week before construction is started and mailing out letters to the property owners.

Mr. Elnitski moved to approve and sign the settlement agreement with Lexon for the Amberleigh Development. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Discussion was also held concerning amending the Township's no parking ordinance to include the streets within the Amberleigh development.

Spring Creek Canyon Grant: Mr. Franson went over map that showed an overview of the location where grant moneys are being sought to construct the trail from the parking lot on Rock Road to Shiloh Road.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*Planning Commission had a meeting on March 14th.

*Updated township maps were printed by the county and Mike Anthony for future planning processes.

*Zoning Hearing Board will hold a hearing on April 17th for the Centre Co. Authority.

*Dealt with 2 dog complaints

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MPO – Mr. Wise updated the board on the latest MPO meeting. It was noted that the three top criteria chosen to compose a new funding formula were: road

miles, assessed value and population. Discussion was also held on railroads and a study on Route 322 improvements.

NIJPC – Updates to the Comprehensive Plan continue to be gone over.

Bellefonte Fire Executive Board – meeting for the month was canceled

OLD BUSINESS

Krout Road Bridge: Michele Aukerman noted that revised documents were turned into PennDot on March 15th and that we are waiting to hear back from them. It was noted that we are in about 60 days of the 90 day review period for the GP11 permit review.

Temporary Easement CBICC/Krout/Shuey/Benner Township: Mr. Wise moved to approve and authorize the secretary to sign the temporary easement for the bridge construction project as the documents must be notarized. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Spring Creek Canyon Conservation Easement: The latest copy of the draft easement agreement from ClearWater Conservancy was given to each board member. Mr. Elnitski noted that if anyone had any comments to forward them to him.

NEW BUSINESS

Grove Park Phase II Surety: It was noted that a request was made to reduce the surety amount for Grove Park Phase II to \$49,973.00. An inspection was done with Mr. Franson and Mr. O’Leary and both agree with the reduced amount. Mr. Wise moved to approve the Grove Park Phase II Surety in the amount of \$49,973.00. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Eagle Point Surety: Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the Eagle Point Surety in the Amount of \$20,132.80. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 13-2 Spring Creek Canyon Grant: Mr. Elnitski moved to approve Resolution 13-2 which authorizes the township to apply for C2P2 funds for the Spring Creek Canyon Trail. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Mammoth Construction MOU: Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the memorandum of understanding for the Mammoth Construction Land Development Plan. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Stone Bids: Sealed bids for road material were open and the bids were as follows:

	Glenn O. Hawbaker		Hanson		HRI, Inc.	Jefferson Paving
	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	
3,000 tons of 2A stone	7.00	11.07	6.75	10.25		
1,000 tons of 2RC stone	5.00	9.07	5.50	9.00		
500 tons #4 stone	9.00	13.07	8.70	12.20		
400 tons of 2Bs	9.00	13.07	8.75	12.35		
4,000 tons Washed 1Bs	9.50	13.57	10.50	14.00		
300 tons 1Bs stone	9.25	13.32	10.50	14.00		
400 tons Surge Stone	9.00	13.07	8.70	12.20		
300 tons Limestone Sand	9.00	13.07	8.85	12.35		
100 tons Cold patch	85.00				83.00	84.50
900 tons 9.5 mil binder	72.00				70.00	
600 tons 19 mil binder	68.00				60.00	
500 tons #3 stone	9.00	13.07	8.70	12.20		
500 tons 25 mil binder	56.00				55.00	
2,000 tons DSA	10.00	14.07	10.25	13.75		
500 tons 19 mil wearing	68.00				60.00	
	Midland Asphalt		Hammaker		Jefferson Paving	
5,000 MC 70	3.98		4.36		3.38	
5,000 gallons E5	2.58		2.96		2.40	

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the contracts to the low bidder for each item. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Kermit Tressler Rezoning Request: The Board asked that this request be forwarded on to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations.

Remodeler’s Workshop Waiver Request: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Hawbaker Engineering on behalf of Remodelers Workshop asking for a waiver dealing with stormwater recharge for their building addition. They noted that the site was previously disturbed and that the recharge will be very limited. Hawbaker is noted that in lieu of recharge and underdrained BMP is being provided and that twice the required recharge volume will be treated through the underdrain system. By using this alternate system double the volume will be treated. Mr. Franson noted that he didn’t have any objections to the request.

Mr. Moyer moved to grant the requested waiver. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Traffic Engineering: Mr. Franson noted that the Centre County Airport Authority proposal for new parking lots is going to require traffic engineering review to be done. He noted that while he has done traffic reviews in the past he would rather have a firm devoted to those types of reviews do them and recommended McCormick Taylor. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint the firm of McCormick Taylor to do the traffic engineering reviews for this project. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Benner Commerce Park: Mr. Elnitski spoke regarding the proposed sale of the Benner Commerce Park. He was assured that if the sale takes place that the new owners will have to continue to post surety for the traffic light.

SCI Benner Concerns: Mr. Elnitski noted that he plans to speak with Senator Corman's office about the new sign at SCI Benner. He continued that he felt that Township should be removed from the sign. He noted further that he has also received numerous complaints about the lights that were installed at the new facility and will relay those concerns to Senator Corman as well.

Townhall Meeting: The proposed article to be included in the next issue of the Township's Crossroads was discussed. Mr. Wise noted that he will revise the article to include additional topics to be discussed at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of February 25, 2013 and March 11, 2013
2. Centre County Planning
 - a. Time Extension Rogers Farm
 - b. Expiration Notice Former Wolf Furniture Store Land Development
 - c. Remodelers Workshop Comment letter
 - d. G. M. McCrossin – time extension
 - e. Minor Land Development Proposal Restek addition
 - f. Paul Hartle Commence with Construction letter
3. PSATS News Bulletin
4. Franson Engineering Comment letter Remodelers Workshop

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:40 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary