

**Benner Township Supervisors
April 2, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with member Mark Capriani present. Mr. Wise was absent. Also in attendance were John Kostas, Dennis O'Leary, Don Franson, Andy Hillegass, Wayne Engle, Nate Campbell, George Lyons, Thomas Eby, Tom Moyer, Jared Evey, Kathy Evey, Shirley Gryczuk, Deb Burger and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Deb Burger and Andy Hillegass: Ms. Burger and Mr. Hillegass presented the Board with a petition signed by community members asking that the one of the Township parks be renamed the "Dennis Johnsonbaugh Veteran Community Park". They noted that their first choice would be the current Buffalo Run Community Park. She noted further that Mr. Johnsonbaugh is a Vietnam Veteran and feels that not enough has been done in the community to honor those who have served in this war. She showed the Board several examples of signs that could be done. The existing park sign would be removed and replaced with the new sign and landscaping around it. They noted that they feel that this would be a great project for an Eagle Scout to take on. Ms. Burger noted that she has spoken with a sign contractor and that the sign would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Mr. Capriani noted that the Board would take all of this under advisement and will set up a meeting with Ms. Burger in the next week to further discuss. Mrs. Royer noted that we do have an Eagle Scout candidate that is currently trying to come up with a project to complete.

Kathy and Jared Evey: The Eveys were present to discuss the Septic Management Program. Mrs. Evey noted that in the 33 years time that she and her husband lived in their home they had their system pumped two times and never had any issues with their system. She is questioning why it is necessary to have their system pumped every three years. She noted that they are both retired and now live on a fixed income. She was questioning why there isn't a waiver from the program or if there is a sliding scale based on the amount of people living in the homes. Mr. Moyer explained that this is what DEP is requiring. Mrs. Evey suggested that the letters that are sent should be more clear about the program and the possible availability to request a waiver from having the tank pumped if only a couple people live in the home during the cycle of an on-site inspection. It was noted that this program has been established to maintain on lot systems noting that if their system would fail that the cost of being connected to public sewer and monthly costs would be substantially higher than the septic management program.

George Lyons: Mr. Lyons questioned that status of Purdue Mt. Road. It was noted that the Township is waiting on the written confirmation from FEMA that they will increase the funding to what the actual costs are anticipated to be. It was noted that once this is received that HRI, Inc. is ready to begin.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 5, 2018, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

BILLS

The bills of April 2, 2018, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$71,775.55 and the State Fund in the amount of \$4,123.51. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Grove Park Phase II: Mr. Franson noted that Garren Smith, developer of Grove Park, is asking that the surety for Phase II of Grove Park be allowed to lapse since there is enough funds in the Phase III surety to cover the minimal amount of work needed in Phase II. It was noted that the Township has received a letter from Mr. Smith dated March 31st stating that he would agree that funds for the Phase II items would be allowed from Phase III surety. Mr. Moyer moved to allow the surety for Grove Park Phase II to lapse based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the letter that was received by Mr. Smith. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

MS4: Mr. Franson noted that the MS4 waiver application is due to DEP within the next month. A check in the amount of \$2,500 will need to accompany this application.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. O'Leary reported on the following:

*An Eagle Scout candidate has been working on finding a project to do for the township.

*Purdue Mt. – still working with FEMA/PEMA and HRI, Inc. to get the project to keep moving forward.

*Tractor. Mr. O'Leary noted that he would like permission to go ahead and place the tractor that was discussed during budgeting out for bids. This tractor would replace the old salvage tractor that was purchased 20+ years ago that is used for roadside mowing. Mr. O'Leary noted that he would also like permission to purchase the two attachments the new mower and blower. Mr. Capriani moved to authorize the purchase of the mower and blower and to place the tractor out for bids. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

*Right of Way Trees: Mr. O'Leary noted that he plans on discussing with the Township Solicitor on how to handle people's hazardous trees that are off of the right of way but will land in the right of way when they fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Agreement with Centre Region COG re: EM Coordinator: This item remains tabled.

FEMA Storm Damage Update: Mrs. Royer noted that there will be over \$500,000 in work that the Township will have to pay for the Purdue Mt. Road repairs and wait to get reimbursement for. This amount represents the 25% that will come from PEMA. The timeframe for reimbursement could be 6 months or longer. It was noted that a “gap” loan is available from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank at 0%. Mrs. Royer noted that if the amount was \$100 to \$200,000 for the six month wait that the funds could be found to temporarily cover the expenses but at \$500,000 we don’t. Mr. Moyer moved to have the Township apply for a PIB loan to cover the Purdue Mt. road repairs until the funds are reimbursed by PEMA. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

NEW BUSINESS

Road Material Bids: Sealed bids were opened for the following road materials:

	GOH	Hanson	HRI	HEI-Way
3,000 tons (+ or -) 2A	7.16	10.99	7.30	11.05
1,000 tons (+ or -) – 2RC	7.16	10.99	6.70	10.45
500 tons (+ or -) #3	9.21	13.04	9.15	12.90
500 tons (+ or -) #4	9.21	13.04	9.15	12.90
500 tons (+ or -) R4	10.00	14.40	11.00	14.75
500 tons (+ or -) R5	12.00	16.60	12.50	16.25
500 tons (+ or -) R6	12.70	17.68	13.25	17.00
500 tons (+ or -) 2B	9.21	13.04	9.15	12.90
5,000 tons (+ or -) washed 1Bs	17.00	20.83	14.25	18.00
500 tons (+ or -) 1Bs	17.00	20.83	14.25	18.00
100 tons (+ or -) Cold patch	130.00		90.00	86.00 103.00
400 tons (+ or -) Surge Stone	10.00	13.83	9.50	13.25
900 tons (+ or -) S.P. wearing course 9.5 mm	54.00		56.50	
500 tons (+ or -) S.P. binder course 19 mm	50.00		52.00	
500 tons (+ or -) S.P. wearing course 19 mm	50.00		52.00	
600 tons (+ or -) S.P. wearing course 12.0 mm	No Bid		54.00	
500 tons (+ or -) S.P. binder course 25.0 mm	45.00		45.00	
1,500 tons (+ or -) DSA	12.00	15.83	10.95	14.70
500 tons (+ or -) Limestone Sand	9.00	12.83	9.20	12.95
100 tons (+ or -) UPM Cold Patch	130.00	133.83		86.00 103.00

Mr. Capriani moved to award the bids to the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

Fisherman’s Paradise Surety: Mr. Moyer moved to renew the surety package for Fisherman’s Paradise LLC. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

Rogers Subdivision: It was noted that the Rogers property along Rishel Hill Road was being subdivided into three lots. This is considered by the County to be a minor subdivision and therefore the Board needed to complete a comment or no comment form. The Board indicated that they didn’t have any comments on the proposed subdivision.

Non Substantive Change Village of Nittany Glen: It was noted that since the ownership has changed for the Village of Nittany Glen from the McKee Group to Berks Homes that the plan needed to be changed. This is considered a non-substantive change by the County Planning Office. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the request for the non-substantive change. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

All Storage Solutions Stormwater Waiver Request: It was noted that the All Storage Solutions Land Development Plan originally was shown to remove the old storage building from the property. The owners are now wishing to keep the building, however it will sit too close to the stormwater detention basin as per the Township’s stormwater management ordinance. This waiver request has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and has found to be acceptable since the structure is not a habitable structure. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the stormwater waiver request as approved by the Township Engineer. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

Sullivan’s Storage Final Plan Phase VII: It was noted that the building has been completed. Final inspections were done and no issues were found. The plans are ready for signatures so that the plan can be recorded and the building occupied. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the Sullivan Phase VII Plan. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer - - yes Mr. Wise – absent

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District Notice
 - a. E & S PSU Flaska Lab
 - b. NPDES Permit Plan Revision – Lyn Lee Farms
 - c. NPDES Stormwater Construction Burnham Farm Estates
 - d. NPDES Stormwater Glenn at Paradise Hills
2. SBWJA Minutes – February 12, 2018, February 26, 2018, March 12, 2018
3. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Dunkin Donuts – Commencement with Construction
 - b. Minor Land Development Plan for T & M 50 Properties
4. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes January 16, 2018
5. Letter from Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority Re: Notification of Grant Application

6. Letter from CCAA – notice of application for Multimodal Transportation Fund Project Notice
7. Letter from David Roberts RE: Nestle Water Extraction Concerns
8. Zoning Officer's Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary