

**Benner Township Supervisors
August 3, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and Mark Capriani present. Also in attendance were Don Franson, Ed Galus, Stefanie Lucas, Jeffrey Lucas, Tim Edkin, Shirley Gryczuk, Tom Moyer, Dennis O’Leary and Sharon Royer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE – It was noted that an executive session was held after the Board’s meeting on July 6th to discuss personnel matters. All three board members were present.

MINUTES

The minutes of July 6, 2015, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of August 3, 2015, 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. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Franson reported on the following:

- *Completed stormwater review for the proposed Restek Fitness Center.
- *Rue has completed their Spring Creek Canyon Study. It was noted that one area was found where they are recommending no excavation take place. A phase II study is not required. Tree removal can begin in November once we reach the allowable dates for the bats. It is noted that he will work on the design drawings so that we can have an early Spring bidding let date.
- *Generated comments on the General Aviation Apron project.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. O’Leary noted the following:

- *Paving work on Purdue Mt. is complete.
- *Pipe work that was let will begin next week.
- *In approximately two weeks the tar and chipping that is scheduled will occur.
- *Truck beds are complete on both the pickup and the older Ford dump truck.
- *The millhead for the skidsteer has been ordered.
- *Trailer has not yet been ordered.
- *Grove Park intends to pave the end of the week. This work will encompass half of the roads in Phase II. Mr. Smith indicated that they will be looking to turn this section of road over to the Township shortly after.
- *Complaints have been received with the recent hard rains of stormwater and mud coming from Grove Park Subdivision and running into the Willowbend Subdivision. Mr. Franson and Mr. O’Leary will be investigating. It was noted that it appears that most of it is coming from a vacant lot that has been disturbed and has dirt piled on it.
- *Dirt and Gravel Roads – Mr. O’Leary noted that we will be receiving funds to complete additional pipe job projects. These locations will require permits and the one location will also need an Indian Tribe’s approval. Due to these items the work will probably not begin until next year.

*Sidewalk Ordinance: Mr. O’Leary noted that he is recommending that the Township adopt a sidewalk ordinance whereas it makes the sidewalks the property owners’ responsibility and not the Township’s. Mr. Capriani moved to draft this ordinance and advertise. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

*Basketball Court overlay: Mr. O’Leary noted that the basketball court has several low lying areas that cause puddles on the basketball court. He noted that he has received a quote from EBY Paving in the amount of \$8,050.00 to do an overlay. Discussion was held. The Board tabled action on this item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise reported that he attended the MPO meeting that was held on July 27th. The main subjects discussed were the long range transportation plan, CATA coverage and the fact of the lack of Highway Funding. Mr. Wise also noted that Tom Zilla also wishes to attend the Board’s meeting on 9/3 to discuss the MPO budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Benner Township Water Authority Appointment: It was noted that with the vacancy left by Gary Shultz resigning there is a position open on the Water Authority. Tim Edkid has expressed an interest on serving and by living in the Hampton Hills Subdivision the Board members feel that he would be a great addition. Mr. Edkid was present and again expressed his interest. Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Mr. Edkin to fulfill the remainder of the term left by Mr. Shultz. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Powell Conditional Use Hearing: Mrs. Royer noted that George Powell has contacted Mr. Anderson and indicated that they would be sending a letter to the Board asking for an extension of time to work on getting additional information that is now required as part of the Conditional Use process. The Board decided, based on the advice of the Township’s Attorney, if the Township doesn’t receive a letter with a specific date listed for the extension request then the hearing will need to be scheduled for the Supervisors September 3, 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-2: Mrs. Royer noted that Bellefonte Borough is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution that will set the limits of various components and surcharge fees relative to them that are sent to the Bellefonte Sewage Treatment Plant for processing. It was noted that this has been done several times previously and that DEP is requiring that SBWJA and each township that is part of that Authority adopt this resolution. Mr. Wise moved to adopt Resolution 2015-2. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission Liaison: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Anderson indicating that a couple of the Planning Commission Members have established a Committee that will meet an hour prior to their regular meeting just to work on the new Zoning Ordinance and feels that it would be beneficial to have a Supervisor attend this Committee meeting as well. Mr. Moyer indicated that he will sit on this committee.

Mammoth Construction MOU: It was noted that Mammoth Construction is planning to resubmit their land development plan to the Township/County for approval and is asking for approval of their

Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Wise moved to approve the MOU. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Wise – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes
 - a. June 22, 2015
 - b. July 13, 2015
2. Centre County Planning Office
 - a. Lot Addition and Replot Moerschbacher/Rogers to Freebird Partners
 - b. TD2, LLC Minor Land Development & Sewage Planning Approval
3. Conservation District
 - a. Village of Nittany Glen Phase III B-1
 - b. Restek Fitness Center

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wise noted that the Board will hold an executive session following this meeting to discuss personnel matters. All three board members will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned the time being 7:36 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary/Treasurer