

**Benner Township Supervisors  
August 3, 2020**

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 board members Randy Moyer and Larry Lingle present. Also in attendance were Joe Waltz, Steff Waltz, John Elnitski, Thomas Eby, Allen Strouse, Treva Deibler, Rod Beard and Sharon Royer.

**BILLS**

The bills of August 3, 2020, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Joe Waltz: Mr. Waltz introduced himself and his wife, Steff and noted that he is running for State Representative for the 76<sup>th</sup> House District. He mentioned that he grew up on a farm in a working class family, he is a retired Clinton County educator, and that his objective for running for this position is to help people. Mr. Waltz noted that he welcomed discussion with the Board at any time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Wise noted that the Board and the Planning Commission went over the comment letters that were received on the latest draft of the Ordinance at a previous Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Beard is in the process of making the corrections that are non-substantive. Mr. Beard noted that he hoped to have the revised document in the Board’s hands about two weeks prior to the September meeting.

Code Enforcement: The Board noted that they interviewed an individual for the position of Code Enforcement Officer. The Board asked Mr. Beard to compose an agreement between the Township and this individual. This arrangement would be similar to our Zoning Officer and Sewage Enforcement Officer with them working on an as needed basis, holding their own insurance and receiving a 1099.

Act 537 Special Study/Christine Line Letter of July 1, 2020: The Board is in receipt of the draft response letter that Attorney Beard prepared regarding Christine Line’s letter of July 1, 2020. Mr. Moyer moved to forward this letter on to Ms. Line. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

All Storage Solutions Phase II Land Development Plans: Mrs. Royer noted that Phase II of the All Storage Solutions project is complete. An onsite inspection was held with the County, Don Franson and Mike Lesniak and everything was found to be complete, therefore the plan is ready for approval and signatures. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the All Storage Solution Phase II plans. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

ARL Building #3: Mrs. Royer noted that Penn State wishes to post surety on the unfinished items relative to the ARL Building #3 project. It was noted that Mr. Franson has reviewed the surety document with the estimates and has found everything to be acceptable. It was noted that surety documents are in the process of being approved by the contractor and PSU. Mr. Torretti of Penn Terra is asking the Board approve the surety and the plan upon receipt of the surety documents as not to hold them up

from occupying the building for another month. Mr. Wise moved to conditionally approve the plan upon receipt of the required surety documents at which time the plan will be signed for recording. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Steve Lanich Resignation: Mrs. Royer noted that the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Steve Lanich from the Benner Township Water Authority effective immediately. It was noted that at this time the Township doesn't have any letters of interest in a replacement for Mr. Lanich who was a Water Authority Board member for a number of years.

Centre County Suicide Prevention: The Board is in receipt of a draft Resolution asking the Board to acknowledge the month of September as suicide prevention month. Mr. Wise moved to approve Resolution 2020-4 designating support and acknowledging the month of September as Suicide Prevention month in Centre County. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

MOU for LSCR, LLC: The Board is in receipt of the standard memorandum of understanding to receive payment reimbursement for engineering fees for the LSCR, LLC Land development plan. It was noted that this plan includes subdivision of two lots with duplexes to be constructed on them. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the MOU. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of July 6, 2020, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of June 22, 2020 & July 13, 2020
2. Centre County Planning Commission Correspondence
  - a. Commencement with Construction Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Building
  - b. ARFF Land Development Comment Letter
3. DEP letter Re: Sewage Planning LLC Duplexes
4. Centre County Conservation District Letters
  - a. Keystone Payroll – NPDES Permit
  - b. Nittany Express – E & S inspection
  - c. Centre County Airport Authority E & S Inspection
  - d. Village of Nittany Glen Phase V A.1 & A.2 - inspection
  - e. Taxiway A NPDES Completeness Letter
5. Franson Engineering Letters
  - a. Nittany Express Final
  - b. Village of Nittany Glen Phase IV
6. Letter from County Commissioners Re: C-PACE
7. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of June 16, 2020
8. Benner Township Key Points of July 21, 2020 meeting
9. Zoning Officer's report for July

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Wise noted that the Spring Creek Watershed Commission's meeting did not have a quorum.

Mr. Wise noted that himself, Mr. Lingle, Mr. Lesniak and Mrs. Royer attended a Zoom informational presentation with PSU staff on a proposed new test track facility. It was noted that not much additional information was provided since the last time it was discussed approximately two years ago and it appears that this project is just in the infancy phase.

Bellefonte EMS: Mr. Wise noted that the Board has been invited to a joint municipal meeting with Bellefonte EMS on August 31<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that this will deal with funding for 2021 and with Centre Crest moving in that year that they will be looking for even more revenue sources. Mr. Wise suggested that if possible that all board members attend.

David Wise Resignation: Mr. Wise presented the Board with a written resignation letter that stated that it is with regret he is submitting his resignation letter as a Benner Township Supervisor effective on October 31, 2020. Mr. Wise sited due to family issues he will be out of the area in the coming months and eventually relocating. Mr. Wise noted that he feels that this should be put in an upcoming newsletter for those interested in the position to submit a letter of interest. The Board members noted that they will hate to see Mr. Wise leave but understands the circumstances.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:22 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary