

**Benner Township Supervisors
August 6, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, David Wise with member Mark Capriani present. Mr. Moyer was absent. Also in attendance were Chris Fries, Scott Busa, Dennis O’Leary, Don Franson, Michael MacNamara, Thomas Eby, Tom Moyer, Brad Karch, Chris Aumiller, Tim Miller and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Nextera Energy: Scott Busa and Chris Fries were present to present to the Board a power point presentation on the company that they work for, Nextera Energy. They noted that Penn State University has a Request For Proposal out for 28 MW of solar generated energy. It was noted that they would need between 160 to 200 acres to be able to install equipment on to generate this much energy. Mr. Busa noted that their company doesn’t purchase land they only lease it. It was noted that the equipment has a 30 year life cycle. It was noted that site location would need to be in close proximity to the grid and has to have the proper topography. During the presentation it was mentioned that there would be “Millions of dollars in tax benefits.” Mr. Wise questioned where these tax dollars would be seen. Questions were asked on how a project like this would affect the assessed value of the property. The Board noted that they would need more specifics on the actual benefit to be realized before any further discussion would take place. It was noted that currently this type of facility is not permitted in the Township and would require a zoning amendment. Mr. Busa noted that they would look into this further and get back to the Board.

Silcotek MOU: Michael MacNamara from Keller Engineers was present to go over the expansion plans for Silcotek. It was noted that a 30,000 sq. ft. addition is proposed with 50 new parking spaces. The company currently has 48 employees and plans on hiring an additional 48 more. The Board noted that they didn’t have any comments. Mr. Wise moved to approve the standard MOU for this expansion project. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of July 2, 2018, were presented. It was noted that since Mr. Capriani wasn’t present at this meeting and Mr. Moyer isn’t present at this meeting, that the minutes approval will be tabled until the next meeting.

BILLS

The bills of August 6, 2018, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Franson noted that he didn’t have anything to add that wasn’t already on the agenda.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary reported on the following:

- *Purdue Mt. – some additional issues have come up with pile ons. The contractor and engineers are working it out to keep the construction timeframe on track. It was noted that mafia blocks will be placed down over the bank where some of road bank was starting to erode away to help stabilize the bank. This will allow the road to stay two lanes.
- *Grove Park HOA is requesting no parking signs and stop ahead signs near Seibert Road with the hopes that it will slow speeders down.
- *Rishel Hill paving project is complete.
- *Tar and chipping of roads to be done by Pine Creek Township should be completed within the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise noted that the I80-I99 interchange has been moved up on the transportation plan list. A traffic light will be install at the West bound ramp prior to the PSU football games starting.

OLD BUSINESS

Centre Region COG – EMC: This item remains tabled.

FEMA Storm Damage: Work should be completed prior to school starting. It was noted that Spring Township was just opening bids tonight for the work on Purdue Mt. that they were responsible for.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 18-4 PIB Documents: It was noted that Resolution 18-4 authorizes Mr. Moyer and Mrs. Royer to execute the paperwork dealing with the PIB loan documents. Mr. Wise moved to approve Resolution 18-4. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Half Marathon: It was noted that the Nittany Valley Half Marathon is once again seeking permission to use Rock Road for their race on the morning of December 2nd. It was noted that they have been using this road for years without incident. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the request. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District Notices
 - a. Permit Transfer Village of Nittany Glen
 - b. Earth Disturbance Inspection Report Village of Nittany Glen
2. SBWJA Minutes – June 25, 2018 and July 9, 2018
3. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes – June 19, 2018
4. Centre County Planning Commission Correspondence
 - a. Nittany Express – Commence Construction Notice
5. Zoning Officer's report – June & July

6. Bellefonte Borough Notice of rezoning
7. Letter from Benner Twp. Water Authority to the Benner Township Planning Commission Re: Source Water Protection
8. PSATS News Bulletin

NOTES

Zoning: Mr. Wise noted that the final draft of the zoning ordinance should be delivered to the office on Wednesday morning.

Shiloh Road Sewage: Mr. Wise noted that he has drafted a letter to SBWJA asking them for an engineer's estimate on cost and a time schedule for a project to construct a line to accommodate 50 EDUs on property that lays east of Interstate 99 off of the Shiloh Road exit with build out at 100 EDUs. In the letter he noted that he would like this schedule back to the Board of Supervisors by their next meeting to be held on September 6th. It was also noted that we were not interested in tap on fees and quarterly service fees only the overall costs to extend the line and the schedule that it involves getting the design, permit approvals and construction completed.

Mr. Tim Miller noted that beginning in 2019 there will be \$5.00 per quarter rate increase. Mr. Miller noted that the rate study that they had completed showed that this rate increase was necessary. He also noted that this is the first rate increase that the Authority has had in 15 years. Mr. Miller noted that he would like to see SBWJA keep the Shiloh Road area in it's service area. Mr. Miller suggested that a meeting with both SBWJA and UAJA Executive Directors, the Chairpersons of each Authority and a Township Board member hold a meeting to discuss area.

Buy a Brick Patio: Mr. Capriani shared the information that he received from Preston Evey on his Eagle Scout project for the Veterans patio project. It was noted that we will post this information on the Township's web site and an upcoming newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:07 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary