

**Benner Township Supervisors  
December 3, 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 members David Wise and Mark Capriani present. Also in attendance were Pam Adams, Dennis O’Leary, Don Franson, Thomas Eby, Pamela Czapla, Shirley Gryczuk, Tom Moyer and Sharon Royer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Pam Adams (Centre Region COG Re: Trash Services): Mrs. Adams was present to give the Board an update on the upcoming trash bid. It was noted that 2019 is the last year of the current trash contract that the Township is part of. It is anticipated that the new bids will go out in January with them being due in March and awarded in May and beginning on January 1, 2020. Mrs. Adams noted that the upcoming bid will be written with several alternates:

\*Base bid - this will be for service as it is currently

\*Alternate #1 – Cart Service (Carts would be offered in three different sizes (35 gallon, 65 gallon and 95 gallon) depending on the size the cost will be adjusted accordingly.)

\*Alternate #2 – Organics collection (food and yard waste). This would also be handled with carts. It was noted that most trash that is put out can be composted and kept out of the landfill.

\*Alternate #3 – Would be adding both cart service and organics collection.

Mrs. Adams noted that the recycling market is down and costs for this service is expected to rise. It was noted that this contract is expected to be higher than in previous contracts and it will depend on the bid prices to see what services will be included in the awarded bid. Mrs. Adams noted that when she has more information to offer the board she will pass it on.

**MINUTES**

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

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

**BILLS**

The bills of December 3, 2018, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$66,919.18. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

The State Fund bills of December 3, 2018, were presented to the Board in the amount of \$9,210.29. Mr. Moyer moved to approve payment of the state fund invoices. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. O’Leary noted the following:

\*Setting up a meeting with PennDot to get a better idea on potential paving projects for next year.

\*Routine maintenance is being done on equipment.

**ENIGNEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Franson noted the following:

Completed engineering reviews for the ARL Building #3 and the Homeland Manufacturing land development plans.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Wise noted that he attended the Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting. A presentation was done on how homeowners can manage stormwater on their properties.

It was noted that the Nittany Valley Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm. The Comprehensive Plan changes/updates are nearing completion. It is being proposed to have one hearing with all the municipalities participating and then each would adopt the finalized document.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Centre Region COG – EM Coordinator: This remains tabled.

Draft Zoning Ordinance: It was noted that the Board would be attending the Planning Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> to begin the review of the comments that were received.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2019 Budget: The 2019 budget has completed its public review timeframe. No comments were received. It was noted that this budget is balanced and doesn’t reflect any tax increases. Mr. Wise moved to adopt the 2019 budget. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

ARL Sewage Planning Module: The DEP Sewage Planning Module for the new ARL building has been prepared by PennTerra Engineering and reviewed by the Township’s SEO, Charles Herr. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the Planning Module and Resolution 18-6 that accompanies it. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor Proposals: The Board is in receipt of three proposals for potential legal services from Rod Beard; Miller, Kistler and Campbell and Babst, Calland. Board members noted that they reviewed the proposals that were received. Mr. Moyer noted that he phoned and spoke with Mr. Beard after reviewing his proposal and spoke with his references and feels that he would be a good fit for the township. Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Rod Beard as the Township’s back up solicitor until the Township’s Reorganizational meeting in January. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – October 22, 2018 and November 13, 2018
2. Engineer’s comment
  - a. ARL Test Site Building 3 Land Development Plan
  - b. Homeland Manufacturing Services Land Development Plan
3. Letter from Bellefonte Borough Re: Borough Rezoning proposal public hearing
4. Letter from Tim Edkin Re: reappointment to BTWA
5. Minor Land Development Plans for Cannon Instruments
6. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes – October 16, 2018
7. Letter from Benner Township Water Authority Re: Adopting Community Well system standards

**NOTES**

Mr. Moyer noted that he will be attending a meeting with DEP Representatives and Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority on December 13<sup>th</sup> concerning the Shiloh Road properties and potential connection to their public sewer lines.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:50 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary