

**Benner Township Board of Supervisors
December 5, 2016**

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 Michael MacNamara, Nate Campbell, Chris Anderson, Dennis O’Leary, Gary Rockey, Sue Rockey, Edward Galus, Nancy Wise, Tom Moyer, G.E. Clair, S.W. Clair, Armond Aquilino, John Kostas, Shirley Gryczuk, Don Franson and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Michael MacNamara: Mr. MacNamara was present to present the Board with the Crosswinds Parking Plan for the University Park Airport. It was noted that that the Airport Authority is leasing the property from the University to construct this additional parking lot facility that will renovate the older lot and create an additional 160 new parking spaces. It was noted that just a few more adjustments are required to be made to the plan with a final review of the changes to be made by McCormick Taylor. Mr. Moyer moved to conditionally approve the plan pending the final review by McCormick Taylor. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of November 7, 2016, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of December 5, 2016, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. O’Leary reported the following:

- *Normal winter routine maintenance and equipment maintenance has been taking place.
- *Storm damage repairs continue.
- *Several complaints have been received from residents living in Opequon Hills about vehicles parking along the roadway.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Anderson reported on the following:

- *3 permits were issued in the month on November. No new homes.
- *Completed review of the Crosswinds Parking lot plan
- *ZHB hearing for the State Police Hangar at the University Park Airport was withdrawn. No new information has been provided.
- *Zoning Ordinance update: The use chart is close to being complete. Anticipates that it could be completed in one additional meeting. Should be completed at the next meeting. Feels that a joint meeting between the Planning Commission/Supervisors Mid-January would be a good time to sit down and work on the Zoning Map.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MPO: Mr. Wise noted that it was the recommendation of the MPO that the left over transportation funds be repurposed to make safety improvements to the I-99/I-80 interchange.

PSU Quarterly Meeting: This meeting was rescheduled and will be held later this month.

Bellefonte Incubator Businesses: Mr. Wise noted that a group has been established in order to try to provide for the possibilities of incubator businesses to locate in the Bellefonte area. Additional meetings are planned. At the initial meeting, representatives were present from the PA Rural Business Administration.

Fire Executive Board: Mrs. Royer noted that she attended the Fire Executive Board meeting on November 22nd. They noted at the meeting that one of the Undine's trucks was involved in an accident on an icy bridge and suffered moderate damage. They are awaiting word from the insurance company. It was mentioned that the company that had originally built the truck was no longer making that type of cab so repairs could be difficult.

OLD BUSINESS

Township Building - The Board noted that they will hold off discussion until Mr. Franson arrives.

Agreement with Centre Region COG Re: Deputy EM Coordinator: A draft agreement between the Township and the Centre Region to utilize the Centre Region's Emergency Management Coordinator as a Benner Township Deputy Coordinator for incidents that involve the University Park Airport and PSU properties. Discussion was held. Board members questioned why this was necessary. It was noted that should a larger incident happen at the airport this individual would assist the Township in organizing all of the responsibilities that fall under the Township's jurisdiction including all of the subsequent paperwork involved. Board members noted that they have objections to the terms of the agreement being three years and the fees that could potentially be involved should the allotment of the 40 hours be used up. It was decided that this agreement would be tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

ARL Memo of Understanding: The Board is in receipt of the standard Memorandum of Understanding for the proposed building expansion of the ARL facility located at the PSU test track. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the MOU. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

2017 Budget: It was noted that the proposed 2017 budget has been available for public inspection and no comments were received. It was noted that no tax increases are proposed. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the proposed 2017 budget as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Storm Damage: It was noted that the Township is still awaiting bore test results from Hillis-Carnes that were taken from the failed roadway of Purdue Mountain. The Township is also waiting on meetings to be scheduled with PEMA/FEMA. Mr. Wise noted that the largest failed area on Purdue Mountain straddles the line with Spring Township. Mr. Moyer noted that Spring

Township doesn't have any residents that utilize this roadway to access their properties, therefore it is low on their priority list. Mrs. Rockey noted that she understands what a huge undertaking it will be to fix this road, but that it is a severe inconvenience to those living on the mountain. It was noted that as soon as updates are available they will be posted on the Township's website. Mr. O'Leary noted that there are other sections of this road that haven't failed yet but could in the next several years, and that serious reviews need to be considered prior to any kind of repairs being made.

Septic Management Program Non-Compliance: It was noted that three of the four properties that were not in compliance have or are in the process of complying, therefore this item will be tabled and discussed at the January meeting.

Municipal Building/Don Franson: Mr. Franson was present to discuss the bid results of the Township Building. It was noted that the bids that were received came in higher than what was anticipated. The project was broken out into five contracts. Mr. Franson noted that a couple ways to cut down on costs would be to eliminate line items from the site contract (16-01); eliminate some of the work in the building contract (16-02) having staff complete some of the work and to change some of the specifications and building materials also in Contract 16-02. It was noted that really not much could be revised from Contracts 16-03, 16-04, 16-05. It was noted that with contract 16-03, 16-04 and 16-05 were all bid the same whether the building was constructed all at one time or in phases. Mr. Wise noted that he believes that contracts 16-01 and 16-02 should be rebid. Mr. Armond Aquilino, representing H & R Excavating, Inc., the apparent low bidder for Contract 16-01, noted that he would be fine with the board just eliminating the line items from the contract that they no longer wished to complete in a change order. Discussion was held.

Mr. Capriani moved to revise building materials and work to be completed in Contract 16-02 and rebid this contract with bids to be opened on January 3, 2017 at Noon. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – no Mr. Wise – yes
Motioned carried.

Mr. Wise moved to revise Contract 16-01 for the building site work and rebid this contract with bids to be opened on January 3, 2017 at noon. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Franson noted that he will notify the remaining bidders of Contracts 16-01, 16-03, 16-04, and 16-05 that the Board plans to award at their January 3, 2017 meeting pending the outcome of the rebid of contract 16-02. Mr. Wise moved to tentatively award the contracts to the apparent low bidder pending the outcome of the Contract 16-02 rebid. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Conservation District
 - a. Columbia Gas NPDES Permit
 - b. Rick Shawley Earth Disturbance Inspection Report
 - c. Grove Park Earth Disturbance Inspection Report

- d. Restek Corporation Notice of Termination of NPDES permit
2. 2015 Water Resources Monitoring Project report
3. SBWJA Minutes of October 24, 2016, and November 14, 2016
4. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of October 18, 2016
5. Copy of Union Township Supervisors Comprehensive Plan Update
6. Comcast notice of price changes

Ms. Gryczuk noted that she would like the Board to briefly discuss the correspondence so that those present have an idea of what it is about. It was explained that correspondence doesn't require Board action and is listed as to keep the Board up to date on matters that are occurring in the Township. The Board noted that Ms. Gryczuk is more than welcome to view any of the correspondence listed if she finds it of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wise noted that the Board of Supervisors will hold an executive session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters and that the meeting will not reconvene.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:45 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary