

**Benner Township Supervisors
Re-Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2018**

The re-organizational 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 Dennis O’Leary, Don Franson, Shirley Gryczuk, Tony Fruchtl, Tim Miller, Willis Houser and Sharon Royer.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Mr. Capriani moved to appoint Randy Moyer to serve as Chairman of the Board and David Wise as the Vice Chairman. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township’s Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Chuck Herr as the Township’s Sewage Enforcement Officer Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Back up Sewage Enforcement Officer/SMP Administrator: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Pamela Winter as the back-up Sewage Enforcement Officer as well as the Septic Management Administrator. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Officer: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency as the Township’s Zoning Officer. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Back Up Zoning Officer: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township’s back up Zoning Officer. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Building Code Officers: Mr. Moyer moved to all residents to have the choice of Building Code Officer from Harry Burd, Keystone Inspection Agency and Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency as Benner Township’s Building Code Officer for 2018. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor/Firm: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Robert Rayman as the Township’s Attorney for 2018. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Engineering: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Franson Engineering as the Township’s primary Engineer. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Traffic Engineers: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint the firm of McCormick Taylor as the Township’s Traffic Engineer. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Structural Engineer: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Brian Chilton as the Township’s structural engineer. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Bank: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint M & T Bank, Pliget, and Jersey Shore State Bank as banks of the township for 2018. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint the following:

Roadmaster Appointment: Dennis O’Leary as the Township’s Roadmaster/Road Superintendent.

Road Crew Appointments: Harold Meyer and Thomas Moyer and John Dutton as full time road crew staff. Full time staff to have a clothing allowance of \$250 and part-time \$100. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Moyer nominated himself as the 2018 PSATS Voting Delegate. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Benner Township Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Ed Galus to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Benner Township Water Authority: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Steve Lanich to a 5 year term to the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint the following persons to the following Boards/Committees:

Centre County Tax Collection Committee: Sharon Royer as the primary appointment with Randy Moyer being the alternate.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission David Wise

Board Appointments:

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission – David Wise and Paul Kurtz

Fire Executive Board – Sharon Royer

Township’s Spring Creek Canyon TAG Representative – David Wise

Certified Public Accountant: Appointment of the firm of BakerTilly (formally ParenteBeard) as the Township’s accountant for the 2017 year end audit.

Vacancy Board: - Tom Moyer

Centre Area Cable Consortium: Mark Capriani

Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Meeting dates/times: Mr. Moyer moved to hold the Board of Supervisors meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of September which will be held on Thursday, September 6th due to the holiday. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

The re-organizational meeting was adjourned the time being 7:14 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary

**BENNER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members David Wise and Mark Capriani present. Also in attendance were Dennis O’Leary, Don Franson, Shirley Gryczuk, Tony Fruchtl, Tim Miller, Willis Houser and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Trony Fruchtl – Penn Terra Engineering: Mr. Fruchtl was present to discuss the proposal of Nittany Express. It was noted that due to two words in the Township’s current Zoning Ordinance Nittany Express cannot build their taxi cab business on the lot that they own on High Tech Road. It was noted that they want to build a facility that will house their office, shop and supply overflow parking to the car rental businesses at University Park Airport. It was noted that in the Airport Industrial Zoning it states that a taxi cab facility must have 200’ of arterial road frontage. Mrs. Royer noted that the Ordinance even calls out what roads they are defining as such which several are not under PennDot classification. It was noted by simply eliminating the word arterial would fix this problem. It was noted further that there is already a taxi cab facility in the Airport Park and there has been no reported issues with this use being located

there. The other section deals with fuel storage tanks yet in another section it calls out setback for fuel storage tanks. It was noted that Nittany Express wishes to have an above ground storage tank to fuel their taxi cabs. It was noted by removing the word "fuels" in Section 453.9 would fix this problem. Mr. Capriani moved to make these amendments and advertise this zoning amendment. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

ARL Land Development: Mr. Fruchtl noted that the ARL building is complete with a few minor items needing to be complete once the weather breaks. Surety is being given in the amount of 23,540.00. It was noted that the surety agreement and amount has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and County and has found to be in order. Mr. Wise moved to approve the surety agreement and sign the plans for recording. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

MINUTES

The minutes of December 4, 2017, 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 – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

BILLS

The bills of January 2, 2018, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Capriani moved that the bills of January 2, 2018 were approved as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

Bills from the Building Fund in the amount of \$78,779.76 were presented to the Board for their review and approval. It was noted that these payments will close out all of the Building contracts but one. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the payments. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Franson noted that everything that he has is on the agenda somewhere.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary noted on the following:

- *It was noted that two tree contractors submitted quotes. Aikey Tree Service and Bartlet. Mr. O'Leary noted that he would like to have both of them on stand by should an emergency come up.
- *Road Work: It was noted that with having to have the majority of the road budget tied up to pay the bills for the Purdue Mt. Road repairs and waiting for the reimbursement at closeout that not much work will be able to be done again this

upcoming year. Mr. O'Leary noted that some tar and chipping will have to be done or that several roads will become in poor condition if they are not maintained with an additional treatment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was noted that most of the Committee meetings were cancelled for the month of December.

OLD BUSINESS

New Township Municipal Building: It was noted that everything is winding down. Bonds and sureties have been received from the contractors.

Agreement with Centre Region COG Re: Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator:
This item remains tabled.

Storm Damage Update: Mrs. Royer noted that the small projects have been closed out. The Township is waiting for the design for the additional walls from Hillis Carnes in order to get a new cost estimate from HRI, Inc.

Debra Burger – Park Name Change Request: This item remains tabled.

Nittany Valley Joint Rec. Authority: The secretary noted that she drafted a letter to the Nittany Valley Joint Rec. Authority which outlines that the Township has committed to contributing \$12,5000 per year for 4 years towards the Kepler Pool project. Mr. Wise moved to approve the letter. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Skating Party: Mrs. Royer noted that Gloria Lohr has been in communication with the Township asking if the Board will once again participate in the Easter Community Skating Event. Mr. Capriani moved to contribute \$400 towards this event as in the past. Mr. Moyer 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 Planning Commission Correspondence:
 - a. Time Extensions
 - i. SCI Rockview Land Development Restricted Housing unit
 - ii. Mammoth Resoration & Construction
 - iii. Rockview State Police Barracks
 - iv. Dunkin Donuts
 - v. Sullivan's Mini Storage Phase VIII
 - vi. Village of Nittany Glen Phase III-B.2, III-C, III-D.1, & III-D.2

- b. Non-Substantive Change for ARL Test Track
2. PSATS News Bulletin
3. Violation Notice to Neil Edwards Re: SMP
4. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes November 21, 2017
5. SBWJA Minutes of November 29, 2017
6. Conservation District Letters
 - a. Earth Disturbance inspection Grove Park
 - b. RSE, Inc. – NPDES Permit
 - c. PSU Ag Digester South Storage Tank
 - d. PSU E & S North Storage Tank
 - e. Columbia Gas E & S Plan
7. Penn State Aboveground Storage Downstream Notifications

NOTES

The Board questioned when the next Water Authority meeting was to be held. Mrs. Royer noted that it will be on January 16th here in meeting room. Board members noted that they may attend to discuss the funds that are being expended fighting the Spicer law suit/injunction.

Mr. Miller noted that he has decided to remain on the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Board however he will no longer Chair the board. Mr. Miller noted that there are several things that he wishes to see through before he leaves the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The Board noted that at the conclusion of tonight's meeting that they will hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that the regular meeting will not be re-convened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:42 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary