

Benner Township Supervisors  
January 2, 2024  
Reorganizational Meeting

The reorganizational meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Randy Moyer with Board members Larry Lingle and Kathy Evey present. Also in attendance were Thomas Rishel, Therese Hollen, Ronald Hollen, Randi Gaicobbi, Tom Moyer, Jared Evey, Fred Gay, Allen Strouse, Treva Strouse, John Elnitski, Pete Nebroski, Thomas Eby, Deb Smeal, John Kostas, Sharon Royer and Rodney Beard.

**Organization of the Board:**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Lingle made a motion to appoint Randy Moyer to be the Chairperson of the Board for 2024. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Vice Chairperson:** Mrs. Evey moved to appoint Mr. Lingle to the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board for 2024. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Appointments of Positions:**

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township's Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Laron Horner as the Township primary Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Back Up Sewage Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Stanley Wallace as the Township's back up Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Septic Management Plan Administrator:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Leeanna Horner as the Township's Septic Management Plan Administrator. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Zoning Officer:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Michael Lesniak of Penns Valley Code as the Township's Zoning Officer. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Back Up Zoning Officer:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Justin Dashem of Penns Valley Code as the Township's Back Up Zoning Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

**Appointment of Building Code Enforcement Agencies:** Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Penns Valley Code Enforcement and Keystone Inspection Agency as the firms that may review plans and perform inspections relative to the State Wide Building Code requirements. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Gilbert Stull as the Township's Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Solicitor: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Rodney Beard as the Township's Solicitor for 2024. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Engineering: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Donald Franson (Franson Engineering) as the Township's primary Engineer and McCormick Taylor as the Township's Traffic Engineering Firm. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Banking Institutions: Mr. Moyer moved to continue to bank with M&T Bank, PLGIT and Jersey Shore State Bank. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Road Superintendent: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Dennis O'Leary as the Township's Road Superintendent. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Road Crew: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint John Dutton, Kolyn Mellott, Quin Koleno and Brandon Boone as the Township's Road Crew employees. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Road Crew Clothing allowance: Mr. Moyer moved to allot the full time road crew employees a \$250 allowance for clothing. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Kathy Evey as the Township's PSATS voting delegate. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Thomas Moyer to a three year appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Benner Township Water Authority: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Tim Edkin to a 5 year appointment to the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Benner Township Planning Commission: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Lynn Chaplin, Lee Copper and Alex Moyer to 4 year appointments to the Benner Township Planning Commission. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – no                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Jim Leigey to the vacant position on the Planning Commission also for a 4 year term. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority: Mr. Moyer moved to reappoint Brian Book to an additional 5 year term to the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Board. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Centre County Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township's representative to the Centre County Tax Collection Committee. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Alternate Tax Collection Committee Member: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Mrs. Evey as the Township's alternate tax Collection Committee Member. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – abstain                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Mrs. Evey moved to appoint John Kostas to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission as the Township's representative. Mr. Kostas noted that he will need to decline the nomination.

Debra A. Smeal noted that she would be interested in serving as the Township's representative. Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Ms. Smeal to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission to serve as the Township's alternate representative. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Kathy Evey and Lynn Chaplin to be the Township's representatives on the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Bellefonte Fire Executive Board: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Mrs. Royer to serve as the Township's representative to the Bellefonte Fire Executive Board. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Cable Consortium Committee: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer to serve as the Township's representative to the Cable Consortium Committee. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

CPA firm for 2023 year end audit: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint the CPA firm of Maher Duessel to preform the Township's 2023 audit. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

Vacancy Board: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Thomas Moyer to the Township's Vacancy Board. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes                      Mrs. Evey – yes                      Mr. Moyer – yes

CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committee representing the Nittany Valley Region: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Doug Johnson to the Coordinating Committee to represent the Nittany Valley Region. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes

Mrs. Evey – abstain

Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint John (Rick) Dillon to the Technical Committee representing the Nittany Valley Region. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes

Mrs. Evey – abstain

Mr. Moyer – yes

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**


Meeting Dates/Times: Mr. Moyer moved to hold the Supervisors' regular meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month with the exception of September (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes

Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

The reorganizational meeting was adjourned the time being 7:20 p.m.



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Sharon Royer, Secretary