

Benner Township Supervisors

January 3, 2023

Reorganizational Meeting

The reorganizational meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Thomas Moyer present. Also in attendance were Kathy Evey, Willis Houser, John Elnitski, Gene Stocker, Anne Messner, Allen Strouse, Treva Strouse, Jim Saylor, and Sharon Royer.

Organization of the Board:

Chairman: Mr. Lingle moved to appoint Randy Moyer as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Tom Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

V. Chairman: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Larry Lingle as the V. Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. T. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

APPOINTMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Township's Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Laron Horner as the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

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

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

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

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Zoning Officer: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Michael Lesniak, Penns Valley Code Enforcement as the Township's Zoning Officer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

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

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Building Code Officials: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Penns Valley Code Enforcement and Keystone Inspection as the Township's Building Code Officials. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

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

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Solicitor/Firm: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Rodney Beard as the Township's Solicitor. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Engineering Firms: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Franson Engineering as the Township's primary Engineer and McCormick Taylor as the Township's Traffic Engineer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Banks: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint M & T Bank, Pliget and Jersey Shore State Bank as the Township's Banks. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Road Superintendent/Road Master: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Dennis O'Leary as the Township's Road Superintendent/Road Master. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Road Crew: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint John Dutton, Kolyn Mellott, Quin Koleno and Brandon Boone as the Township's full time road crew employees. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Road Crew Clothing Allowance: Mr. R. Moyer moved to establish the Full Time Road Crew employees clothing allowance at \$250.00. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Tom Moyer as the Township's PSATS Voting Delegate. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Dan Hoffman to a three year term on the Township's Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Water Authority: Mr. Lingle moved to appoint Jim Lanning to a five-year appointment on the Township's Water Authority. Mr. T. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Planning Commission: Mr. Lingle moved to appoint Judson Mantz, Willis Houser and Randy Moyer to 4 year appointments to the Township's Planning Commission. Mr. R. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Centre County Tax Collection Committee: : Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer as the Primary appointment and Randy Moyer as the alternate to the Centre County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Jim Lanning as the Township's Spring Creek Watershed Commission representative with Larry Lingle as the alternate. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Lynn Chaplin as the primary with Randy Moyer as the alternate to the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Bellefonte Fire Executive Board: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer to serve as the Township's member on the Bellefonte Fire Executive Board. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Centre County Cable Consortium Committee: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint Sharon Royer to serve as the cable consortium representative. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

CPA Firm: Mr. R. Moyer moved to appoint the CPA firm of Maher Duessel to conduct the Township's 2022 audit. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Vacancy Board: This position was left open due to no applicants.


OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Dates: Mr. R. Moyer moved to have the Supervisors' meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception July which will be held on the 6th and September will be held on the 5th. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The reorganizational meeting was adjourned the time being 7:08 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Secretary

Benner Township Supervisors

January 3, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Thomas Moyer present. Also in attendance were Kathy Evey, Willis Houser, John Elnitski, Gene Stocker, Anne Messner, Allen Strouse, Treva Strouse, Jim Saylor, and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

CCMPO: CCMPO staff members Ann Messner and Jim Saylor were present to give the Board an update on the process of updating the Active Transportation Plan for Centre County and the Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Messner noted that the process will take approximately 15 months to complete. Ms. Messner questioned the Board if there is anywhere that they could think of that bike trails could be constructed in the Township. A copy of the notes that were taken at the April 17, 2019 meeting dealing with the Long Range Transportation Plan with township employees and officials were provided to see if there were any additional comments/concerns to mention.

Ms. Messner questioned if the Township has considered completing an area plan along SR150 with all of the development taking place along this corridor. Mr. Moyer noted that the Township has recently updated its zoning ordinance.

Gene Stocker: Mr. Stocker noted that he spoke with Gennie Davis from the EPA and was told that there was a change in the soil limits for PFAS. He noted that it has been 4 years since the PFAS was discovered and yet it is still not known where it came from. What is the hold up?

Mr. Stocker noted that he spoke with Don Franson and Mr. Franson told him that the Supervisors never asked him to look at anything at the airport. Mr. R. Moyer noted that Mr. Franson isn't an expert in PFAS. Mr. Stocker agreed but feels that Mr. Franson should be checking the stormwater ponds. He should be following up on the piles of soil. Was the soil tested? Where was it placed? He feels that this indeed is things that Mr. Franson should be looking at.

Mr. Stocker noted that the Johnson family still hasn't been taken care of. He noted that these are elderly people with compromised health issues and yet nothing has still happened for them. Mr. Stocker indicated that he called Dan from Eco Water who has stated that he would be more than happy to install the remainder of the systems if he could get paid for the work that he has already done. Mr. Stocker noted that he feels that the Supervisors should be pushing DEP about this. Why hasn't Eco Water been paid? Mr. Stocker questioned why hasn't he been reimbursed for the system that he himself installed when he submitted paperwork months ago?

Mr. Lingle noted that it has been his experience that if buttons are pushed non stop when there is a protocol that needs to take place that it usually doesn't net a positive outcome. Mr. Lingle noted that he agrees with what Mr. R. Moyer stated months ago, this is a concern and if the concern can be eliminated with a \$3,000 water treatment system, he too wouldn't be waiting for DEP, he would install himself and ask for the reimbursement. The State has protocols and moves on its own timeframe.

The Board noted that the Township has received relatively very few phone calls regarding this. They have received the emails that Mr. Stocker passed along. Noting that the one email dealt with public sewer and not anything to do with the water issues.

The Board noted that they pass the information on as they receive it.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 5, 2022, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

BILLS

The invoices for January 3, 2023, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. It was noted that the invoices for the General Fund was \$101,911.48 and the State Fund: \$11,473.89. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

NEW BUSINESS

Local Service Tax Collection Agreement with State College Borough: The new agreement with the State College Borough to act as the tax collector for the Township's Local Service Tax was presented to the Board for consideration. The contract will be for 7 years and basically set up as the past contracts. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the 7-year contract with State College Borough for the LST collection. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

General Code/Codification of Ordinances: A contract from General Code Services was presented to the Board for codification of the Township's Ordinances. Mr. R. Moyer noted that the Board has discussed doing this for quite some time and that this is an allowable use of the American Rescue Funds. The end product of codification would make searching township ordinances much easier for residents and staff too. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the contract with General Code in the amount of \$16,995.00 for the codification of the Township's Ordinances. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – November 28, 2022
2. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of November 15, 2022
3. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - i. Time Extensions
 1. Greater Buffalo Run Church
 2. Harvest Meadows Phase 1
 3. Happy Valley Blended Products
 4. LSC RP, Final Plan
4. Centre County Conservation District Letters
 - i. NPDES Approval letter for the Bellefonte Warehouse
5. Engineering Review Comments
 - i. McCormick/Taylor – Bellefonte Warehouse TIS Approval letter
 - ii. Franson – Bellefonte Warehouse Land Development Review Letter
6. DEP Letters
 - i. Bellefonte Warehouse NPDES Permit Approval
7. PennDot Review Letters
 - i. TIS Bellefonte Warehouse Approval letter
8. Restek Notification that they are applying for the DEP Air Quality State Only operating permit

9. Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority 2023 Rates
10. Letter from David Roberts Re: Bellefonte Warehouse

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. R. Moyer noted that the Board will conduct an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss personnel matters. The meeting will not reconvene.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:37 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Sec.