

Benner Township Supervisors
Re-Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2016

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 member Randy Moyer present. Mark Capriani was absent. Also in attendance were Chris Anderson, Dennis O'Leary Nate Campbell, Edward Galus, Thomas Moyer, Shirley Gryczuk, Mark Rossman, Tim Miller, Heber Pavon, Lonnie Smith and Sharon Royer.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint David Wise to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Moyer moved to make the following appointments:

Secretary-Treasurer: Sharon Royer

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Chuck Herr as the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer

Back up Sewage Enforcement Officer: Pamela Winter as the back-up Sewage Enforcement Officer

Zoning Officer : Chris Anderson

Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Back Up Zoning Officer: Tabled.

Mr. Wise moved to appoint the following individuals/firms to the positions listed:

Building Code Officer Harry Burd at Benner Township's Building Code Officer for 2016

Solicitor/Firm: Robert Rayman as the Township's Attorney for 2016.

Engineering: Don Franson/Franson Engineering as the Township's Engineer for 2016.

Traffic Engineers: The firm of McCormick Taylor

Structural Engineer: Brian Chilton

Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Bank: Mr. Wise moved to appoint M & T Bank, Pliget, and Jersey Shore State Bank as banks of the township for 2016. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – absent 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. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wise moved to make the following appointments:

PSATS Voting Delegate: Randy Moyer as the 2016 PSATS Voting Delegate

Benner Township Zoning Hearing Board: Ian Henderson 3 year appointment, Edward Galus 3 year appointment.

Benner Township Water Authority: Tom Eby to a 5 year term

Benner Township Planning Commission: Lee Copper 4 year term, Jim Swartzell 4 year term.

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

Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wise moved to make the following appointments:

Board Appointments:

Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Mark Capriani

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission – Randy Moyer and Paul Kurtz

Fire Executive Board – Randy Moyer primary/Sharon Royer alternate

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 2015 year end audit.

Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Vacancy Board: This item was tabled until the Board's next meeting.

Township Insurance: Mr. Wise moved to keep the Township's current insurance carrier Saint Mary's Insurance. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Meeting dates/times: Mr. Wise moved to hold the Board of Supervisors meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of July and September which will be held on Thursday, July 7th and Thursday, September 1st due to the holidays. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

The re-organizational meeting was adjourned the time being 7:12 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary

**BENNER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with member Randy Moyer present. Mark Capriani was absent. Also in attendance were Chris Anderson, Dennis O’Leary Nate Campbell, Edward Galus, Thomas Moyer, Shirley Gryczuk, Mark Rossman, Tim Miller, Heber Pavon, Lonnie Smith and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Rossman: Mr. Rossman noted that he is here this evening to address the Board regarding persons discharging firearms in residential areas. He noted that he lives along Valley View Road where the homes are in close proximity of one another. One of his neighbors on several different occasions has shot their rifle multiple times into a cardboard box. Mr. Rossman noted that the homes in this area are only approximately 40’ apart and has fears that with only shooting into cardboard that the bullets could easily ricochet and land in a neighbor’s home causing property damage or hitting a family member or pet causing serious injuries. He noted that he has contacted the Game Commission which has told him that they only regulate gun laws when someone is actively pursuing game. They do not regulate target shooting. He noted further that he also contacted the PA State Police which has indicated that unless the shots were being fired in their direct direction that there was little that they could do either unless the Township enacts regulations concerning discharging firearms. A copy of a sample ordinance was given to the Board. Mr. Rossman noted that he isn’t against gun ownership as he owns several himself, but feels that perhaps some regulations are needed in circumstances like this when it appears that commonsense shooting isn’t being followed. The Board noted that they would look further into Mr. Rossman’s concerns.

Lonnie Smith: Mr. Smith noted that he has a similar concern to that of Mr. Rossman. He noted that he walks his dog daily along Spring Creek Road and along the paths that are located off of the Fish Commission’s parking lots. Mr. Smith noted that he sees people daily taking walks, fishing, etc. While walking his dog on these same paths that are located in very close proximity to the roadway and walking paths he has witnessed hunters discharging firearms. He showed the Board a picture of a deer that was shot and left lay right off one of the parking areas. He noted that he has seen hunters shooting water fowl pretty much right from the parking areas and does not feel that this should be allowed due to the safety of others using the area for walks, fishing,

New Township Municipal Building: It was noted that a meeting with the Township Engineer will be held next week to go over an outline of what needs to happen to have the project progress. It has been noted that there will probably be 5 contracts in the bid being 1) Site Work (grading and paving) 2) Structural 3) Electrical 4) HVAC and 5) plumbing. Mr. Franson is going to finish the drawings to submit to the County to determine if the project will fall under the replacement in kind section of the County's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. It was noted that it has been recommended by the Solicitor that if blasting and stone crushing is needed for the new building that it too should be placed out for bids and will also require to be under prevailing wage rates even though the quotes that were received on these items were under the amount to even have phone quotes on. Mr. Wise moved to place the blasting and the stone crushing out for bids. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Capriani – absent Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

NEW BUSINESS

CCMPO Appointments: It was noted that the Board is in receipt of a letter from the MPO noting that a two year appointment to the Technical Committee and the Advisory Committee is needed from the Nittany Valley Region. It explains that now that the Township has opted out from being a voting member that those individuals appointed would be representing the Township as well. The Board noted that they were in favor of the reappointment of the current members Paul DeCausati and Bill MacMath should they wish to be reappointed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Copy of Letter from State College Borough to Centre Co. Tax Assessment RE: PSU Settlement Agreement
2. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Time Extensions
 1. G. M. McCrossin, Inc.
 2. Mammoth Restoration & Construction Land Development
 3. Restek Fitness Center
 4. SCI-Rockview Land Development
 5. Village of Nittany Glen Phase III.B.1
 - a. Surety Estimate
 6. Yeagle's Mini Storage Phase V (building #6)
 - b. Hartman Group Land Development
 1. Conditional Approval Letter
 2. Commence with Construction Notice
 - c. Cleveland Brothers – Conditional Approval Letter
3. Centre County Conservation District
 - a. Village of Nittany Glen - Earth Disturbance Inspection Report
 - b. Cleveland Brothers – NPDES permit
 - c. Rodger Houtz Water Obstruction & Encroachment Inspection Report
 - d. Grove Park - Earth Disturbance Inspection Report
4. SBWJA Minutes November 23, 2015
5. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes – November 17, 2015
6. Harry Burd's Annual Building Permit Report

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 8:15 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary