

**Benner Township Supervisors
January 6, 2020
Reorganizational Meeting**

The reorganizational meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman Randy Moyer with members David Wise and Larry Lingle present. Also in attendance were Gene Stocker, Edward Galus, Michael Misselwitz, John Elnitski, Thomas Eby, Willis Houser, Czapla, Shirley Gryczuk, John Kostas, Tom Moyer and Sharon Royer.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman & Vice Chairman : Mr. Moyer moved to appoint David Wise to be the Chairman for 2020 and himself as Vice Chairman. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

SEO/Back Up SEO and SMP Administrator: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Laron Horner as the Township’s Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Pamela Winter as the Township’s back up Sewage Enforcement Officer and Township’s Septic Management Plan Administrator for 2020. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Building Code Officials/Township Solicitor/Engineers/Banks: Mr. Wise moved to appoint the following:

Building Code Officials: Harry J. Burd, PV Code and Keystone Inspection Agency

Solicitor: Rodney Beard

Engineers: Primary Engineer – Don Franson of Franson Engineering and Surveying
Traffic Engineers – McCormick Taylor

Banks: M & T Bank, Jersey Shore State Bank, PLIGET

Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Road Superintendent/Road Crew: Mr. Lingle moved to appoint Dennis O’Leary as the Township Road Superintendent and Tom Moyer, John Dutton, Koyln Mellott and Jacob Miller as the Township’s full time Road Crew members. Full time road employees to be given a \$250.00 clothing allowance and any part time employees a \$100.00 clothing allowance. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

PSATS Voting Delegate: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint David Wise as the Township’s PSATS voting delegate for 2020. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Hearing Board/Water Authority: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Frank Densevich to an additional 3 - year term on the Township's Zoning Hearing Board and Andrew Swales to a 5 - year appointment to the Benner Township Water Authority. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority: It was noted that with Mr. Tim Miller no longer interested in reappointment there is a 5 year appointment open. We have received letters of interest from William Hughes and Willis Houser in this position. Mr. Wise moved to appoint Mr. Houser to this 5 year appointment. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint the following individuals to a four year term on the Planning Commission: Lee Copper, Lynn Chaplin and Randy Moyer. It was noted that Mr. Lingle would be stepping down as two supervisors are not permitted to serve on the Planning Commission at the same time. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Centre County Tax Collection Committee/Spring Creek Watershed Commission/NVJPC: Mr. Wise moved to appoint the following:

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

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Tim Robinson with David Wise as the alternate.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: David Wise (Will need to appoint a Planning Commission member at a future time)

Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

Fire Executive Board/Spring Creek Canyon TAG/Cable Consortium Committee/CPA/Vacancy Board:

Mr. Wise moved to appoint the following:

Fire Executive Board – Sharon Royer

Spring Creek Canyon TAG – Randy Moyer

Cable Consortium Committee – Sharon Royer

CPA for 2019 year end audit - BakerTilly

Vacancy Board – Tom Moyer

Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Centre County Airport Authority: Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Larry Lingle to the Centre County Airport Authority for a 5 year appointment. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Mr. Moyer moved to keep the Board of Supervisors' meeting dates to the first Monday of the month with the exception of September which will be held on Thursday, September 3rd all meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The re-organizational meeting was adjourned the time being 7:11 p.m.

**Benner Township Supervisors
January 6, 2020**

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 members Randy Moyer and Larry Lingle present. Also in attendance were Gene Stocker, Edward Galus, Michael Misselwitz, John Elnitski, Thomas Eby, Willis Houser, Czapla, Shirley Gryczuk, John Kostas, Tom Moyer and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rutters Land Development Plan - Michael Misselwitz: It was noted that Rutters is wishing to post surety for the remaining items needed to complete their project along the Benner Pike. The cost estimate of \$995,036.19 has been prepared by Penn Terra and reviewed and approved by Don Franson. The majority of this is for building completion and the final coat of paving. Mr. Wise moved to approve the surety package and the Land Development Plan. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

John Elnitski: Mr. Elnitski questioned why he hasn't been contacted regarding the airport zoning. It was noted that the Township hasn't finished up with the zoning revisions. Mr. Elnitski noted that he feels that the current airport zoning is illegal and that the Township cannot give residents the ability to use the first 75' in height of their property as that is air space if located in an airport hazard zone is the responsibility of the FAA. Mr. Elnitski requested that a work session with the Board and their attorney be scheduled within the next several weeks.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he also feels that when the zoning amendments are made that the Township should be considering allowing solar farms in the Agricultural Districts. He noted that he has been approached about it as well as the Corls. Mr. Elnitski noted that he will try to arrange a member of the solar company to come in and talk to the Board.

Gene Stocker: Mr. Stocker questioned the Board when they plan to take a vote of the proposed Act 537 Plan. The Board noted that the plan needs to be forwarded on to the County for their review and comments before they can adopt a Resolution on the plan. It was noted that the regulations permit the county to take up to 60 days to complete their review. The Board noted that it probably won't be able to take a vote in March or April. Mr. Stocker asked the Board if they would hold an additional meeting to review the comment letters and responses that were given before a final vote was taken. Mr. Stocker noted that there is a 2006 letter that UAJA would provide sewer to this area. Mr. Wise noted that the only two lots that can be served by UAJA is the Rogers and Clair properties.

MINUTES

December 2, 2019: The minutes of December 2, 2019, 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. Lingle – abstained Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

December 16, 2019: The minutes of December 16, 2019 public work session on the Act 537 Revision, were presented. Mr. Wise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – abstained Mr. Wise – yes

BILLS

The General Fund bills of January 6, 2020, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. It was noted that included in this bill list is to repay the \$500,000.00 PIB loan to the State. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills of \$576,297.66. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

The state fund bills of \$7,921.44 were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NVJPC: Mr. Wise noted that some members of the NVJPC met with a representative from DCED regarding a grant to study the EMS/Fire/and Police for the region. Mr. Wise noted that we still need a member from the Planning Commission to sit on the NVJPC.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance: It was noted that we are still awaiting the final draft from the attorney.

Act 537 Plan Special: It was noted that GDF is still responding to comments that were received and after that is complete the plan along with the comments needs to be sent to the County for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Harold Krape Subdivision: It was noted that Mr. Krape is subdividing his property into three lots. The lot sizes will be 49.74 acres, 1.081 acres and 68.189 acres. This plan is considered a minor subdivision under the county's regulations. The County is asking if the Board has any comments to submit regarding this plan. The Board indicated that they had no comments.

David Flynn rezoning request: The Board is in receipt of a rezoning application from David Flynn for the 65.12 acres that he owns along Seibert Road. The property is currently zoned Agricultural and he is requesting that it be rezoned to R-2. The Board asked that this request be passed on to the Planning Commission to begin the review process.

Verizon Pole Easement: The Board was in receipt of an easement request for a telephone pole at the Benner Township Veteran's park. They wish to relocate the pole approximately 3'6" further off of SR 550 onto the Township's property. Mr. Moyer moved to grant the easement. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

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

Principal Financial Group: The Township is in receipt of an email from the Investors of Principal to add additional funding groups to the Township's pension plan options. Mr. Wise moved to approve these additions. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA letter to Henderson's re: tank pumping
2. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Plan withdrawal Mammoth Restoration

- b. Time Extensions
 1. Rutters
 2. Homeland Manufacturing
 3. ARL Building #3
 4. Nittany Express
- c. All Storage Solutions Phase II comments
- d. Village of Nittany glen revised Preliminary Plan
 1. County preliminary plan comments
3. Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority 2020 rate schedule
4. SBWJA Minutes November 25, 2019
5. Franson Comment letter – All Storage Solutions Phase II
6. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes November 19, 2019
7. PSATS News Bulletin
8. Conservation District
 - a. Completeness Notification – ARL Building #3
 - b. Village of Nittany Glen Completeness Notification
9. Franson comment letter RE: Village of Nittany Glen Phase IV
10. Zoning Officer's December 2019 Report

NOTES

Mr. Moyer expressed his thanks to the road crew for maintaining the roads seamlessly in the absence of the Road Superintendent during his medical leave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was noted the Board of Supervisors will hold an executive session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to discuss employee's compensation rates. The meeting will not reconvene after the conclusion of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Secretary