Benner Township Supervisors July 1, 2019

The regularly scheduled 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 Mark Capriani present. Also in attendance were Edward Galus, John Elnitski, Thomas Eby, Rich Davis, Dave Kline, John Kostes, Carol King, Ms. Czapla and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Elnitski, Jr.: Mr. Elnitski questioned the Board if they have decided how they are going to address airports in the proposed zoning ordinance. The Board noted that they are 99% sure that airports will be kept as they were, allowed by conditional use. Mr. Elnitski then questioned what the Board was going to do with the airport hazard ordinance noting the 2016 Supreme Court Case makes the current airport hazard ordinance illegal due to allowing adjoining property owners the 75' height restriction. The Board noted that they have had the Township's attorney review this court case and that he believes that it has nothing to do with the 75' restriction listed in the Township's Ordinance. Mr. Elnitski noted that he disagrees and that if the Township doesn't change it, he will be forced to take legal action.

<u>Carol King – US Census Bureau:</u> Ms. King noted that she was present to give the Board a quick overview of the upcoming census count. She noted the four important facts of the Census.

- *It is required to be done by law every 10 years.
- *You will get to choose how you want to respond this time. (mail, online, in person, by phone)
- *All data collected is private.
- *It is very important. Seats in the House of Representatives are determined by the Census count as well as Federal Funding in the amount of 667 billion dollars.

Ms. King also noted that several hundred jobs will be available in Centre County paying \$15.00 per hour. More information on the jobs and how to apply is available on their website at census.gov

<u>John Kostes:</u> Mr. Kostes questioned if the Board is still planning on putting some type of regulations in the proposed ordinance dealing with public water systems. He noted that Grove Park has been without water two different times in the last several days. Mrs. Royer noted that a part broke and was replaced and the replacement part was defective and had to be replaced again. It was noted that the Township Solicitor has been in discussions with the Water Authority Engineer how to best handle this in the ordinance.

537 Plan Update: Mr. Wise noted that the surveyors are still out and about working on surveying. The 537 Plan Update is still not complete. Mrs. Royer noted in SBWJA minutes of June 10, 2019, it was noted that the Special Study should be done and sent to the County for review by the end of July.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 3, 2019, were presented to the Board for their review and comment. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of July 1, 2019, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Zoning Ordinance</u>: It was noted that the Attorney will be working on adding the changes and sections that were discussed at the June 24th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Resolution 19-3</u>: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force asking the Board to adopt a resolution designating September 10th as Suicide awareness and prevention day and the month of September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Mr. Moyer moved to approve Resolution 19-3 that supports this designation. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Moyer – yes

<u>Employee Hire:</u> Mr. Wise moved to offer our part time employee of three years, Kolyn Mellott, a full time position with the stated expectation that he acquires his CDL license before January 2020. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes

Mr. Wise – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

<u>Comprehensive Plan Update:</u> Mr. Wise questioned the Board to see if anyone has any comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update to forward on to the county. It was noted that the Future Land Use map in the document should be updated to show the Township's proposed zoning map.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

- 1. 2018 Grove Park Water System Water Quality Report
- 2. Pleasant Gap Fireman's Relief Association Compliance Audit
- 3. SBWJA Minutes of June 10, 2019
- 4. Letter from Bellefonte EMS Re: Upcoming Meeting July 30th
- 5. Centre County Time Extension Letters:
 - a. Mammoth Restoration & Construction
 - b. Keystone Payroll
 - c. Nittany Express
 - d. SilcoTek Manufacturing Expansion
 - e. ARL Test Site Building #3
 - f. Homeland Manufacturing
- 6. Benner Township Water Authority Key Points 6/18/19

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:35 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary		_