

**Benner Township Board of Supervisors
July 3, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and Mark Capriani present. Also in attendance were Don Franson, Dennis O’Leary, Susan Rockey, Clair Stem, Tom Przybys, Lee Przybys, Shirley Gryczuk, John Kostas, Edward Galus and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem noted that he has recently found out through Mike Hanna’s Office that the he feels that the Supervisors lied about the need to do the Septic Management Program. That it isn’t law, but that this program was a choice of the Supervisors. The Board noted that they were told by the Department of Environmental Protection that we needed to adopt this program as it was in the Township’s Act 537 plan. It was noted further that if the Township didn’t come up with the program that at some point that DEP could have forced the Township to follow it’s protocol with even more regulations. It was noted that this program has located several malfunctioning systems and other minor problems that were fixed prior to becoming major ones.

Mr. Stem then questioned why the Township is not participating in C-Net. The Board noted that it costs several thousand dollars to participate in C-Net and that they felt that this money could be spent better in other areas. Mr. Stem noted that again the information that he received from Hanna’s office is that Benner Township receives funds from Comcast and that the funds wouldn’t come from taxes to participate in this program. It was noted that the money received from Comcast is franchise fees and is for the use of the Township’s right of ways for the cable company to run their lines. Those fees are deposited into the general fund and can be used however the Board sees fit.

Brush – Mr. Stem noted that his daughter-in-law has called the township regarding a neighbor’s bush blocking their site distance getting out of their driveway and wants to know why it hasn’t been removed. Mr. O’Leary noted that he would go look at the bush but that if it was located out of the Township’s right of way that we didn’t have the authority to touch it.

Property Lines – Mr. Stem noted that according to surveys that he has, the property lines of several of his neighbors are wrong and wants to know what the Supervisors are going to do about it. The Board noted that as they have stated in the past, it is not their responsibility to get involved in property line discrepancies and that it is up to the owners to insure that their lines are correct.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 5, 2017, were submitted to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of July 3, 2017, 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. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Franson noted that the Spring Creek Canyon Trail was started a few weeks ago. The contractor anticipates that on Wednesday he will start placing stone down with the TSA being laid.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary noted that work on the new building is progressing. Routine maintenance is ongoing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise noted that the Spring Creek Watershed Commission wants to increase its membership fees to hire staff and that a formal request will probably be forthcoming. He noted that he expressed to the Commission that the Townships are getting requests all the time for these small costs adjustments and that they add up.

MPO: Mr. Wise noted that the MPO's new focus is to contribute 10% or more each year of their transportation funds until they can see the Boalsburg/Potters Mills missing link (600 million project) and the I-99/I-80 interchange (200 million project) complete.

OLD BUSINESS

New Municipal Building: Work is progressing. It was noted that all of the contractors seem to be working well with one another. Only minor issues have come up at this point. Should be on track to move into the new building by the end of the month.

Centre Region EMC Agreement: This item remains tabled.

FEMA Purdue Mt. : The agreements to award and proceed have been prepared for HRI, Inc. for the slide area damage of Purdue Mt. Mr. Wise moved to sign the contracts. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Officer Position: Mr. Moyer noted that the individual that he would like to interview is currently out of town and an interview will be scheduled upon his return.

NEW BUSINESS

Corl Brothers Farm Subdivision Plan: Mrs. Royer noted that a one acre parcel is being subdivided for a child as well as a one acre parcel that will go along with the existing farm house. The owners had to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to deal with setback variances on existing outbuildings of the farm due to the subdivision taking place. Those variance were

granted. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the plan without comments. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Street Standards Waiver Request for Village of Nittany Glen – Phase III-B-2, III-C, III-D.1 and III-

D.2: The waiver request was to allow the Village of Nittany Glen development which houses private streets without parking on each side and being 26 feet in width by design (mostly) the be allowed to construct hammerhead type street ends in lieu of cul-de-sac roadways. Mr. Franson noted that the hammer heads ends that they are now proposing are half the size as the ones that were allowed in the previous sections of the development. Both the county and himself do not feel that this is adequate as emergency vehicles will not have enough room to turn around. The Board agreed not to grant the waiver request.

Road Bids opened at June’s meeting: FEMA Storm Damage: It was noted that the bids that were opened last month exceeded the cost estimates that we received from FEMA and PennDot by a substantial amount. Mr. Capriani moved to reject all of the bids and rebid the work. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

All Storage Solution MOU – This item was tabled as it was not provided.

Nittany Valley Half Marathon: The Nittany Valley Half Marathon was requesting use of the Fox Hill and Rock Roads for their Half Marathon event to be held on December 3rd. It was noted that they have held this event for many years and that we have never been altered to any issues. Mr. Wise moved to grant permission for this use of the roads for this event. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Centre County Suicide Prevention: The Township was in receipt of a resolution to acknowledge and show support for the Centre County Suicide Prevention chapter. Mr. Capriani moved to adopt Resolution 17-10 which supports the cause of suicide prevention and awareness. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

YMCA Polar Bear Plunge: Mr. Moyer moved to support the YMCA’s Polar Bear Plunge event at the same amount as last year. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Planning Commission Correspondence
 - a. Time Extensions
 - i. SCI Rockview Restrict Housing Unit Addition
 - ii. Mammoth Restoration & Construction
 - iii. Rockview State Police

- iv. Dunkin Donuts
 - v. Sullivan's Mini Storage
 - b. Village of Nittany Glen Phases III-B.2, III-C, III-D.1 and III-C.D.2 comment letter
- 2. SBWJA Minutes May 22, 2017 and June 12, 2017
- 3. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of April 18, 2017
- 4. Conservation District Correspondence
 - a. Gerald Clair/CMJ Trucking Application Completeness Letter
 - b. Jeff Byers Completeness Letter
 - c. Village of Nittany Glen – Technical Deficiency Letter
- 5. PSATS News Bulletin
- 6. Pleasant Gap Fire Co. Monthly Report for May
- 7. G.M. McCrossin – NPDES Permit approval
- 8. Letter from RESTEK Re: notice of application to DEP for Air Quality Permit
- 9. PA Fish & Boat General Permit issued

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:36 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary