

**Benner Township Supervisors
June 5, 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, G.F. Clair, John Kostas, Shirley Gryczuk, Derek Canova, Tom Moyer, Rick Bjalme, Ed Galus, Dick Warner and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Dick Warner – Officer Phil Program: Mr. Warner was present to thank the Board for their past participation in the Office Phil Program. Appreciation certificates were given on behalf of Chief Weaver and Chief Dannaker. It was noted that the program is presented to children K through 4th grade as well as a drug related program for the 5th graders. It was noted that 9 area elementary school participate in the program. The Board noted that they will continue with the same ad as in the past.

Derek Conova: Mr. Canova was present from Kessinger Bigatel and Brower representing the Brockerhoff Mill property. Mr. Canova questioned what they could do to change the zoning of this parcel noting that it is very unique and has great historic value to the community. He noted that they have several interested parties in the property but with the property being in the Conservation Zoning District, it isn’t conducive to what the potential owners envision to use the property for. The Board noted that the bottom line for this property is the lack of parking. Each of the uses that were discussed requires substantial parking that just isn’t there. It was noted that the location is also problematic with sight distances and it being located at the intersection of two very busy roads. It was also noted that there is no Commercial Zoning anywhere close to the property and to rezone it to something Commercial would be considered spot zoning. The Board noted that they would like to see a plan on how parking would be handled before any further considerations would be discussed.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 1, 2017, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Wise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of June 5, 2017, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Franson reported on the following:

The Spring Creek Canyon Trail was started last Wednesday and it is estimated that it will take 5 weeks to complete.

Grove Park: It was noted that a walk through took place and a punch list was created that needs to be completed prior to the final paving that is anticipated to be completed yet this paving season.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. O’Leary noted that work on the waterline as well as cleaning up and cleaning out the township’s facilities has been taking place as well as patching, tree trimming and berm repairs. It was noted that the tree removal service that the Township had been using was disbanded as the owner has recently

passed away. Several quotes have been received and Chip’s Tree Service was selected for services when needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise reported on the following:

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Updates on the Comprehensive Plan continues. The question was raised if the Township’s wanted to adopt the changes one chapter at a time or wait until the entire document was complete. Mrs. Royer noted that due to advertising requirements and the difficulty to getting everyone at one place at one time, it may be better to adopt the document at the end. Discussion was also held on Cell Tower Ordinance.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Mr. Wise noted that the Commission has been discussing asking for increased funding from the participating municipalities.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Building: It was noted that the schedule is still slated for partial occupancy in the latter part of July.

Agreement with Centre Region COG RE: EM Coordinator: This item remains tabled.

FEMA Purdue Mt. Bid Results: It was noted that the bid for the Purdue Mt. reconstruction project were received earlier today. Two bids were received and were as follows:

- John Nastase Construction - \$1,000,000.00
- HRI, Inc. - \$799,460.00

It was noted that the Township is still awaiting official approval from FEMA and PEMA for the additional footage of the pile and lag wall as was required by the designing engineering firm. Mr. Wise moved to conditionally award the bid to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$799,460.00 after review by the Township Engineer and approval by FEMA and PEMA for the additional footage. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Officer Position: Mr. Capriani noted that he has a potential candidate for the position and will forward their resume. Mr. Wise noted that he too has followed up on a few leads.

Michael Sager – Waiver from Street Standards/Driveway Ordinance: It was noted that early on Mr. Sager was asking for a waiver from the recorded plan requirements of having a shared driveway which would have required him to have his and his neighbor’s deed changed. What he is now requesting is to add a second driveway and will leave the shared driveway alone. Mr. Moyer moved to approve this request. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Boyd Corl Subdivision Planning Postcard: It was noted that this is for the one acre lot that is coming off of the Boyd and Paulina Corl parcel that will be connected on to the public sewer. Mr. Moyer moved to approve. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Comcast Proposal for Phone Service: A proposal was received from Comcast for the phone service in the new building. The contract is for 5 phones and the monthly bill will be \$259.55 for 36 months. Mr.

Wise moved to approve the contract with Comcast. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Road Project Bids: Bids were received for the additional FEMA/PEMA damaged roads T-374, T-393 and T-777. The bids received were as follows:

John Nastase Construction in the amount of \$83,263.00

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$85,265.00

Mr. O’Leary noted that this bids are approximately \$30,000.00 more than what was estimated by FEMA. These bids will be tabled.

Herbie’s Home Town Loop Event: The Board was in receipt of a request from the Herbstritt family to utilize township roads for their annual event to be held on August 12th. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the request. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

MOU for Jeffery Byers: Mr. Wise moved to approve the memorandum of understanding for Jeffery Byers. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 17-8: Resolution 17-8 lists the documents that the Township wishes to dispose of according to the PA Historic and Museum Commission. Mr. Wise moved to adopt Resolution 17-8. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Minor Subdivision Plan of Boyd and Paulina Corl: The plan was presented to the Board to see if they had any comments on the proposal for the one lot subdivision. The Board indicated that they had no comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following comments:

1. Centre County Planning Commission Correspondence
 - a. ARL Test Track Time Extension
 - b. UAJA Subdivision/Replot
 - c. Commencement with Construction ARL Test Track
 - d. John & David Spearly Subdivision Comment letter
2. SBWJA Minutes of April 24, 2017 and May 8, 2017
3. Notice of NPDES Permit Major Modification Lyn Lee Farms
4. Conservation District Correspondence
 - a. Dunkin Donuts Technical Deficiency Letter
 - b. Sullivan Mini Storage NPDES Permit
 - c. Robert Albright earthwork/seed and mulch
 - d. NPDES Permit plan revisions Eagle Point
 - e. E & S Control Plan UAJA Odor Control project
6. PA DEP letter to Bellefonte Borough RE: Annual Wasteload Management Report
7. Letter from Mike Hanna Re: State Police fees
8. PSATS News Bulletin
9. DEP Letter RE: NPDES MS4 deadline clarification
10. Letter from Robert Rayman to : SCI Rockview Re: SMP inspections
11. Memo from Chuck Herr Re: Resigning from Back Up Zoning Officer Position

NOTES:

It was noted that the \$5.00 additional registration fee passed. Mr. Wise noted that he was informed that they already have the funds earmarked for bridge projects.

Mr. O'Leary noted that he has received correspondence from the Amberleigh HOA regarding missing street lights. It was noted that this was a concession in order to get the streets paved when the bond was cashed in on.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:07 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary