

Benner Township Supervisors

October 2, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Thomas Moyer present. Also in attendance were John Elnitski, Allen Strouse Treva Strouse, Thomas Eby, Chris Aumiller, Robert Watts, Tony Fruchtl, Sharon Royer and Rod Beard present.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tony Fruchtl – WaWa Land Development Plan: Mr. Fruchtl was present from PennTerra Engineering to go over the WaWa Land Development Plan with the Supervisors. It was noted that this proposal is being planned to be constructed at the corner of Eagle Point and Benner Pike. It is planned for a 6,000 sq. ft. convenience store having a fueling canopy and 8 fueling stations with a total of 16 fueling positions. Mr. Fruchtl reviewed the plans with the Board showing where different items will be located. It was noted that the TIS is still under final review and approval is expected soon. It was noted that a meeting was held with the residents of Graystone Court that expressed concerns with this proposal. Their concerns seemed to be remedied knowing that the building will be sitting between the fueling canopy and their building which will greatly help to cut down on the lighting that they were concerned about. Mr. R. Moyer moved to conditionally approve the WaWa Land Development Plan. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Rob Watts: Mr. Watts noted that he was present to go over the concerns with all of the development that has and is being proposed along the Benner Pike and the traffic issues that are coming along with it. He noted that a conference call was held in May with the developers. It was noted that they were not deterred from developing along the corridor due to the traffic issues. In June, a meeting was held with PennDot. It is being suggested that this road should be placed on the TIP as the funding needed to do what is needed can't be placed on the individual projects. It was noted that as the projects come in they may be asked to contribute by doing an alternative transportation plan.

Treva Strouse: Mrs. Strouse questioned what date Trick or Treat has been established for. Mrs. Royer indicated that that the Township goes along with the date that Bellefonte Borough goes with and that both Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough have selected October 31st from 6 – 8 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 5, 2023 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. T. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes

Mr. Lingle – abstained

Mr. R. Moyer – yes

BILLS

The bills of October 2, 2023, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. The bills for the Accounts Payable General Fund totaled \$229,423.04. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. R. Moyer – yes

The accounts receivable amount for the General Fund was \$116,555.15.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Ordinance: Mr. Beard passed out a draft copy of a tree removal ordinance that the Board asked him to draft. He asked that the Board and Road Superintendent review the draft and email him with any changes or questions.

Village of Nittany Glen, Phase VI Surety Reduction and renewal: The Township is in receipt of a request for a surety reduction for the Village of Nittany Glen, Phase VI. The new amount with the 10% is \$237,554.00. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve this surety reduction pending the approval of the Township Engineer. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. R. Moyer – yes

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Worksession: The Board decided to hold it's budget worksession for October 26, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Addendum: Mr. R. Moyer moved to amend this evening's agenda and add the Septic System of Bonnie Dashem to the Board's agenda for discussion. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Bonnie Dashem – Septic System Malfunction: It was noted that once again the septic system of Bonnie Dashem that is located at 1050 W. College Ave., Pleasant Gap is malfunctioning. It was noted that several years ago Chuck Herr, the Township's SEO at the time, permitted the modifications of her system that seemed to mitigate the malfunction for the time being. The property was once again up in the cycle of the Township's Septic Management Plan for having the pumping of the septic tank and having an on lot inspection conducted. Mr. Horner has found the system to be malfunctioning during his inspection. Mr. Horner conducted soil testing and has found an acceptable site to install a sand mound system to abate the malfunction. It was noted that it has been relayed that Ms. Dashem doesn't have the funds to have the new system installed and it is the belief of both Mr. Horner and Mr. Herr that it is the Township's responsibility to install the system for her and have a lien placed on the property. Mr. Beard questioned if it is in fact the Township's responsibility and wants to do further research prior to anything being done. Mr. Beard noted that there are several funding sources that are available for such things as septic system repairs and thinks that this would be a better route to take. It was noted that even though it has been implied that Ms. Dashem doesn't have the funds, but that the Township would need to somehow verify this if in fact the Township does end up getting involved with this situation. Mr. Beard noted that he will check into the law regarding this tomorrow and get back to the Board on his findings.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – August 28, 2023 & September 11, 2023
2. BTWA – Minutes of August 15, 2023
3. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - i. Benner Pike Hotel Commencement with Construction letter
 - ii. Comment letter Re: Walker Township Glick rezoning request
 - iii. Time Extension Greater Buffalo Run Church
4. DEP Letters
 - i. Bridleridge Subdivision sewage exemption approved
 - ii. WaWa sewage exemption approved
 - iii. Floodway construction
5. Conservation District Letters

- i. Approval of minor amendments to E & S plan for McDonalds
- 6. August Zoning Permit report
- 7. Notice from CATA re: appointment of David Rishel as Executive Director
- 8. McCormick Taylor TIS approval of Benner Pike Hotel
- 9. TransAssociates signal grant update
- 10. Notice of Chapter 102 Permits for GM McCrossin
- 11. Letter from Bellefonte EMS Re: 2024 Budget request
- 12. PV Code 2024 Fee Schedule
- 13. Letter from CCRRA Re: Recycling pilot program
- 14. Section 106 Filing for new tower at 146 Spicer Lane
- 15. Centre County MPO newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:02 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Secretary