

**Benner Township Supervisors
October 21, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Steph Oakes, Mike Corcoran, Forrest Herr, Renee Swancer, Ed Galus, Dennis O'Leary and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mike Corcoran/Steph Oakes – Jersey Shore State Bank: Mr. Corcoran and Ms. Oakes were present to go over with the Board the services that their bank can offer the township. They noted that they are offering .25% interest for their insured Money Market accounts. Other services that they offer include: remote deposit capture that would allow deposits to be made right from of the township office and positive pay which is a method to detect check fraud. The Board thanked the representatives for their presentation and indicated that Mrs. Royer would be in touch with them.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 7, 2013, 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. Elnitski – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

BILLS

The bills of October 21, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Krout Road Bridge: Mr. O'Leary noted that the abutments have been poured. The seven day break is scheduled for tomorrow. All of the steel is on site and pending the results of the break, the company will be ready to go full swing to finish the remainder of the project.

Amberleigh: It was noted that there has been no new action on the street dedication.

Spring Creek Canyon Conservation Easement: Mr. Elnitski noted that he is still working to finalize the agreement with ClearWater. He also reported that he and Mrs. Schoch will be attending the Centre Region COG Forum meeting tomorrow to discuss the possibility of an annual donation to be used for Canyon improvements/maintenance on a per person basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Insurance: It was noted that based upon the presentation by Forrest Herr of the Hartman Agency showing that rates that have been established by other providers for similar coverages, it is not in the best interest to accept Geisinger's offer to renew early.

Health Insurer Broker of Record: Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the appointment of Forrest Herr as the township broker of record for Benner Township's health insurance with Geisinger. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

2014 Budget: Mrs. Royer went of the proposed budget with the board. It was noted that the majority of changes are in the following line items:

411.50 Fire Safety - We are expecting increases from both Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

Sewage Enforcement was increased incase the Septage Management Plan is enacted and malfunctioning systems are located.

430.23 Fuel was increased due to additional equipment and rising fuel costs.

430.74 Equipment purchases was taken from \$109,000 down to \$55,000. At this amount it will allow the township to pay off the 2011 truck and replace the International truck that we have as was discussed last year. The loan for a new truck should be able to be paid off in a three year time frame.

321.14 Snow and Ice Wages were increased by \$2,000

437.24 Was increased by \$3,000 due to the amount and age of some of our equipment and costs of repairs.

438.24 Road Materials was increased by \$15,500. It was noted that we went over budget in this line item and the remainder of Barns Lane is proposed to be done in 2014 requiring a large amount of materials.

429.14 Road Projects This amount was arrived after the rest of the budget was filled in. This line item was increased by \$91,000. And is currently at \$237,000. This amount is allocated for all road projects as there won't be funds in the state fund for this due to the PIB loan payments. Line painting and salt will, however, be paid for out of the state fund.

487.156 Health Insurance was increased to allow for a buffer should the rates go up.

The Board was asked to look the draft over with any questions and recommended changes being brought back to the November 7th meeting so the budget could be tentatively adopted and advertised for the required public review time and adoption at the Board's December 2nd meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of September 23, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:38 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.