

**Benner Township Supervisors  
October 3, 2016**

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 Chris Anderson, Don Franson, Dennis O'Leary, G. F. Clair, Edward Galus, Shirley Gryczuk, Melinda Conrad, John Kostas and Sharon Royer.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of September 1, 2016, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Wise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of October 3, 2016, 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 reported on the following:

\*Spring Creek Canyon Trail Project: Mr. Franson noted that the township has received the go ahead from DCNR to bid the project. We are still waiting for agreements with the Fish and Boat Commission and Game Commission. DEP is 99 percent complete with their review on the NDPEs permit application. It was noted that construction can't begin until early May at that earliest. The Board noted that they would like to wait on bidding the project until the agreements come back from Fish and Boat and the Game Commission.

\*New Municipal Building: It was noted that the building's bid advertisement is scheduled to be advertised next week. The Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the municipal building. Bid opening will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Mr. Franson noted that the current cost estimate on the project is 1.3 to 1.4 million. Mr. Moyer moved to advertise the bids for the new building project. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. O'Leary reported on the following:

\*All of the paving work is now complete. There were a few areas where there was a problem with the fibremat that will be repaired in the spring. Due to this 5% of the total bill will be held.

\*It was noted that the work on the failing retaining wall at the township building will begin next week.

\*A boom mower will be rented for a week to take care of the larger overgrowth along the township roads.

\*The water supply to the new building was discussed. It was noted that none to very few were interested in hooking on to the public water around the township property, therefore the township needs to decide if they wish to just install a supply line to the building or extend the main line and install a fire hydrant. It was noted that if the main line/hydrant option is chosen that the materials will be 3 to 4 times more expensive and the line will need to be flushed once a month. Mr. Capriani moved to install the extended main line with a fire hydrant. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

\*Raymond's Lane Road Bonding: Mr. O'Leary noted that a company has inquired about bonding Rayman's Lane with some work being done at Bellefonte Airport. It was noted that not all the paperwork has been received however we didn't want the excavator to have to wait until the next meeting to be approved. Mr. Moyer moved to tentatively approve the road bonding for Raymond's Lane with all of the appropriate paperwork being submitted. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Anderson reported on the following:

\*Slow going on the new zoning ordinance. Planning Commission are still reviewing the various uses and determining in which zoning district that they make sense to be put in.

\*The State Police received a variance for them to construct a new hangar at the University Park Airport.

\*The review of the new parking lots at the University Park Airport continues.

\*Six permits were issued in the month of September.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Wise noted that there is 2.5 million left in the MPO's turnback budget and it has been asked for the townships to "vote" on which of the following projects that they would like to see these funds go towards: a) Atherton Street drainage project **or** b) I-99/I-80 interchange at Bellefonte

It was expressed that the Bellefonte interchange should have priority to the funds.

\*PSU/Benner Township quarterly meeting will be rescheduled.

\*Mr. Wise noted that he has meet with Centre Region COG to discuss what having their EMA working as a Deputy for the township to deal with situations on PSU properties would look like.

\*Environmental Committee Meeting: It was noted that Representative Hanna is trying to advance legislation to strengthen laws dealing with the spreading of bio solids.

\*There has been no new information released concerning the mediation proceedings between Bellefonte Borough and the Benner Township Water Authority.

\*It is suggested that the Township continue to stress the importance of the proper way to dispose of unneeded pharmaceutical products. Mrs. Royer noted that the township just received an updated list of drop off sites that we will place on the township's website and will make available in an upcoming newsletter.

\*Discussion was held concerning having well inspections/well cap inspections. It was noted that the Spring Creek Watershed Commission had drafted a Wellhead/bore head Protection Ordinance several years ago, but the Township never adopted it as it was unclear who would do the inspections and how they would be handled. Most of the other townships have these inspections being dealt with under their property maintenance code.

\*The Environmental Committee noted that they will continue to meet every other Wednesday evening.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Cell Towers: It was noted that no additional information has been received regarding the request of using the Township's property behind the Rockview Human Resource building.

The Township is now in receipt of an inquiry if they would be interested in locating a tower at the Buffalo Run Community Park. After discussion, the Board agreed that the didn't feel that this location would be appropriate.

Sidewalk Grove Park: Remains tabled.

528 Seibert Road: The Board is in receipt of a letter from the new home owner of 528 Seibert Road, Beatrice Jabco. Ms. Jabco is seeking a request for an extension of June 2017 to connect the home to the public sewer. Mr. Wise moved to extend the deadline two additional months until June 2017 for the home to be connected. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Wise – yes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2017 MMO: The Township is in receipt of the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the employee pension plan. The contribution that must be included in the budget is \$49,627.00. It was noted that the State's contribution is usually about have of the

total, however they require the entire amount to be budgeted. Mr. Wise moved to approve the 2017 MMO. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Bellefonte Wrestling: The Board was in receipt of a request from the Bellefonte Wrestling Booster Club if they would be willing to contribute to their cause. Mr. Capriani moved to donate \$100.00. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Budget Meeting: The Board decided to hold a budget meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Shiloh Road Sewer Service: Mr. Wise noted that there has been a great deal of discussion on this topic lately. Mr. Wise noted that he believes that the next step is to write UAJA and ask them to be the sewer service provider for this area. It was noted that it is possible that we may have to amend our 537 Plan. It is noted that UAJA has indicated a willingness to service the area solely on their own without SBWJA involvement. Mr. Wise noted that he will draft the letter to UAJA requesting their service.

Dr. Clair asked the board if they would be against having a pumping station located in the Township. Mr. Wise indicated that he feels that one in the discussed location would be far better than one located in the canyon area.

DEP – Bellefonte Treatment Upgrade: It was noted that Thomas Randis from DEP contacted the Township to see if the Township feels as though they were made aware of Bellefonte's Plans to upgrade their treatment plant and that we would have had the ability to comment. DEP was told that SBWJA is acting as the Township's agent on the upgrade comments.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes August 22, 2016, September 12, 2016
2. Centre Co. Conservation District Correspondence
  - a. NPDES Permit termination for Restek Fitness Center
  - b. NPDES Permit transfer for Columbia Gas
3. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes July 19, 2016
4. Letter from Bellefonte Borough RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant's Industrial Pretreatment Program
5. Notice of County Liquid Fuel application for 2017
6. Notice of ClearWater Conservancy applying for Land Trust Accrediation
7. Centre County Planning Correspondence
  - a. Rockview State Police Barracks – time extension

- b. SCI Rockview restricted housing addition – time extension
- c. Mammoth Construction – time extension

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:30 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary