

Ordinance 114 Hearing
October 7, 2013

The public hearing for Ordinance 114 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Sue Rockey, Dan Hoffman, Ron Rogers, Bonnie Moerschbacker, Catherine Aschiero, Kristina Angellotti, Brenna Barry, Ryan Robb, Helen Alters, Charles McCole, Bob Jacobs, Tim Miller, Nate Campbell, Gerald Rogers, Tom Moyer, Eric Michielli, Bryan Rodgers, Renee Swancer, Dennis O'Leary, Lindsay Schoch and Sharon Royer.

Mr. Wise noted that Ordinance 114 is basically the re-adoption of Ordinance 113 that was adopted at the Board's August 5th meeting with some typos being corrected. The Ordinance rezones the Tressler property having the tax parcel of 12-004-039 consisting of 8.3 acres from Conservation to Airport Industrial.

Mr. Wise asked if there were any questions or comments on the ordinance. Being none, the hearing was adjourned the time being 7:33 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

Benner Township Supervisors
October 7, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Sue Rockey, Dan Hoffman, Ron Rogers, Bonnie Moerschbacker, Catherine Aschiero, Kristina Angellotti, Brenna Barry, Ryan Robb, Helen Alters, Charles McCole, Bob Jacobs, Tim Miller, Nate Campbell, Gerald Rogers, Tom Moyer, Eric Michielli, Bryan Rodgers, Renee Swancer, Dennis O'Leary, Lindsay Schoch, Bill Hughes and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Members (Dan Hoffman, Tim Miller and Bill Hughes):

Septage Management Plan: Mr. Hoffman noted that the Authority is willing to assist the Township in running Benner Township's septage management program. It was noted that the plan belongs to the Township and not the Authority. Funds would be required to make running the program self sufficient. Noting that the Authority is not doing this to make a profit but also will not use sewage authority funds to run the program either. Mr. Hoffman also noted that he has recently seen some proposed legislation that, in the future, will require sewer authorities to handle this matter. Mr. Miller noted that the Board would

need to tell the Authority what it is they want them to do or what aspects of the plan they want them to handle in order for a cost estimate to be calculated. Mr. Hoffman noted that the first thing the Township must do is come up with their final version of their plan and get it approved by DEP. Mr. Elnitski noted that he likes the idea of the Authority keeping the records of the pumpings and inspections, handling the billing and sending letters but perhaps having the Township appointed SEO doing the inspections. The board noted that they hope to have the final plan finished and to DEP for their approval by the first quarter of 2014.

537 Plan: It was noted that Dr. Clair and Gerald Rogers attended the Board's last meeting to discuss how their property could be sewerred. The SBWJA Board members noted that the property owners first need a plan. The 537 Plan states that the sewage can be treated at either the Bellefonte treatment plant or to UAJA. They indicated that no one is going to construct sewer lines to their properties to sit there indefinitely not being used and generating money. Mr. Elnitski noted that he has spoken with Corey Miller and he has indicated that he is not interested in installing a bulk meter pit to accept the flow generated in Benner Township. More discussion was held. It was decided that perhaps the best way to start communications between the two authorities is to hold a joint meeting with both boards.

Membership Time Limits: Mr. Miller noted that he would like to see the Board reconsider the resolution that they established which limits the number of terms that board members can serve. He continued that some board members bring a great deal of knowledge and passion to committees and if they are doing a good job they shouldn't not be considered just because they served two terms. He indicated that if a Board member isn't doing their job the Board has the right to not reappoint them or even remove them from their position.

Robert Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs, Director of the Centre County Planning, was present to see if the Board has an interest in developing and adopting an official township map. Mr. Jacobs showed the Board a rough draft of what the Township's map could look like and the various items that are usually included on a map. Mr. Jacobs provided board members with a handbook that further describes the "map". It was noted that the University Park Airport is currently in the process of updating their Master Plan and would like to work with the township to insure that there are compatible uses planned for in the airport's vicinity. Mr. Jacobs noted that should the township decide to proceed, he would be happy with working with the township to prepare the map and get them through the process.

Sue Rockey & Nicole Mendinsky – Nittany Valley Rec Authority: Ms. Rockey and Ms. Mendinsky were present to give the Board an update on what the Nittany

Valley Recreation Authority has been doing. They noted that they have prepared a 2014 Budget and are asking the Township to commit \$3,840 a year to them through 2016. This number is based upon the 2010 census minus the inmates. Ms. Rockey noted that there are numerous items that wasn't originally thought about since they were covered by Bellefonte Borough. Some examples were property insurance, water, electric, etc. They noted that it is their goal to keep the pool going for a few years until a plan is created and funds can be obtained. The Board noted that they are supportive for the 2014 year.

Amberleigh Development: Several residents of the Amberleigh Development were present to seek clarification on the status of the roads in the development. It was noted that the township is still awaiting documents from Mr. Glass in order to proceed with accepting the streets. Questions were asked if there will be no parking requirements enforced once the Township takes over the roads. The Board indicated that that is currently its intention. It was noted that the Board heard from both the Bellefonte Fire Company Chief and the township engineer that parking on the streets is not recommended due to the narrowness of the streets. There are concerns over clear sight distances as well as width issues of the road should emergency equipment need to respond to an emergency. One of the residents noted that Bellefonte had a new piece of equipment in the development the other day and that she filmed it that it had more than adequate room. The Board noted that another concern is for snow removal. The Board stated that the residents would need to convince the Fire Chief differently from what his previous opinion was. Residents noted that as it is, should the no parking go into effect they won't be able to accommodate any visitors to their homes.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 5, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski 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 7, 2013, 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. Elnitski – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary noted on the following:

*The Air National Guard contacted the Township to ask if we would commit to assisting them with plowing their access road to their building should a "State of Emergency" be declared by the Governor.

- *Krout Lane Bridge has been started.
- *Day of Caring volunteers from the Bellefonte High School came and did painting, mulching and landscaping at the building and at the Buffalo Run Community Park.
- *Additional crack sealing was done with the assistance of College Township.
- *A project for sight distance improvements at the intersection of 550 and Rock Road was submitted for the County's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- *Opequon Development – utilities were dug up during the excavation of the foundations for the last two sets of buildings. Stormwater and water lines will need to be relocated.
- *Equipment Replacement – It was noted that the order time for the new large truck that was discussed during last year's budget is six months. The Board noted that more discussion on the truck purchase will take place at the budget meeting.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Schoch reviewed with the Board the items that she has been working on since the last board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise noted that he attended:

- *Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting at which further discussion took place on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

- *Spring Creek Watershed Commission – a presentation was given on how stormwater is affecting the watershed

- *MPO – Route 322/7 mountain project seems to be moving forward. It now needs to be placed on the TIP. It was also noting that Spring Township may decide to opt out of the MPO in 2014 which will change the funding formula.

Mr. Elnitski:

- *Bellefonte Fire Executive Board: It was decided to go ahead with the new truck purchase however, several items in the bid were removed to lower the cost of the truck and it was also noted that due to this purchase no new equipment will be purchased until probably 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Conservation Easement: Mr. Elnitski noted that he met with Clearwater and is asking them to look at each lot individually since the use on most of the lots won't change. He also noted that he plans to attend the COG Executive meeting to ask them to consider donating on a per person basis to the future upkeep of the Canyon.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 MMO: The calculation for the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Employee's pension plan has been completed. The amount needed for the 2014

contribution is \$42,102.15. Mr. Wise moved to approve the 2014 MMO. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 114: Mr. Wise questioned if there was any further comment on Ordinance 114. Being none, Mr. Wise moved to adopt Ordinance 114. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Budget Meeting: The Board noted that they will just conduct the first budget meeting at the conclusion of the Board's October 21st regular business.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence:

1. PSATS News Bulletin
2. SBWJA Minutes August 26 and September 9, 2013
3. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Time Extension: G.M. McCrossin
 - b. Waiver request Re: Bridleridge
 - c. Mammoth Construction Commencement with Construction letter
4. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes July 16, 2013
5. Response letter from PA Dept. of Corrections Re: Name, costs, lighting
6. County Aid grant application notice

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:31 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.