

Benner Township Supervisors

October 7, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with member David Wise present. Mr. Capriani was absent. Also in attendance were Don Franson, Dennis O’Leary, Tim Miller, Thomas Eby, Ed Galus, Czapla, Greg Bartram, Marley Parish, Tom Moyer and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tim Miller: Mr. Miller noted that the Boy Scouts will be contacting the Township soon about utilizing the meeting room for their scouting for food campaign that will take place on November 9th. Mr. Miller thanked the Board for allowing the scouts to utilize the facility for this event.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 5, 2019, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The general fund bills of October 7, 2019, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

The state fund bill in the amount of \$418,687.87 to HRI, Inc. was presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve this bill as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. O’Leary noted that all of the paving projects for this year have been completed which included:

- 1,000 yds of base repair
- 100 yds of scratch and leveling
- A few thousand feet of rolled curb
- Paved 5.35 miles of roadway
- Microsurfaced 15,700 sq. yards
- Tar and chipped over 3 miles of road

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Franson updated the Board on the complaint that was received by a resident of the Windtryst Development in Patton Township concerning its entrance with Fillmore Road which is a Benner Township road. Mr. Franson noted that after looking at this further fixing this concern could be handled in two ways 1) either posting a no left turn coming out of the Windtryst development or 2) elevating the intersection. He noted further that he estimates that the cost of elevating the intersection could be around \$60,000. It was suggested that an application for this project could be submitted for a County Liquid fuel grant in the amount of \$30,000 with the remaining match to be split between Patton and Benner Township. Mr. Wise moved to submit for a county liquid fuel grant for this project only if Patton Township agrees to an equitable contribution towards the match. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wise noted that the MPO is in the process of updating their Long Range Plan.

It was noted that the hearing on the Nittany Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan update is scheduled for October 17th at 7 p.m. at CPI. Mr. Wise noted that this is basically a refresh of 5 Chapters of the current Comprehensive Plan that was prepared by Harry Roth.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Beard noted that he has time blocked out next week to try to finish up the zoning ordinance.

Act 537 Special Study: It was noted that Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority has indicated that they plan to hand off the special study to the Board of Supervisors at their November 4th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stormwater Access and Maintenance Easement for University Park Airport: It was noted that this easement was part of a plan that was done years ago but the easement was never signed and recorded. This has been brought to light since an additional planning is to take place at the airport. The Board signed the previously approved agreement for recording.

Budget Work Session: The Board agreed to schedule a budget work session for Monday, October 21st at 9 a.m.

2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation: Mrs. Royer noted that the calculation for the Employee Pension Plan Actuary for 2020 is \$16,963.00. Mr. Wise moved to approve this amount and include it in the 2020 municipal budget. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Tax Collector Resignation: The Board is in receipt of the resignation letter of Janet Houser from her elected tax collector position effective December 31, 2019. The Board asked Mrs. Royer to check with the county to see what the process is to appoint someone for the remainder of Mrs. Houser’s term.

Garbage Time Collection Changes: The Board is in receipt of a letter from the Centre Region that in the upcoming garbage contract that Advanced Disposal as well as the Centre County Recycling would like the option to adjust the starting times for collection during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day to 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. Mr. Moyer moved to grant this request. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes of August 26, 2019 and September 9, 2019
2. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Time Extensions
 1. Mammoth Restoration & Construction LD
 2. Nittany Express
 3. ARL Test Site Building #3
 4. Homeland Manufacturing

- b. Commencement with Construction Letter VONG Phase V-A.1 & V-A.2
- c. Minor Land Development Request All Storage Solutions
- 3. BTWA Minutes of August 20, 2019
 - a. Key Points 9/17/19
- 4. Conservation District Letters
 - a. Rick Shawley RSE, Inc.
 - b. Crosswinds Parking Lot Expansion
- 5. PSATS News Bulletin
- 6. Approval of Sewage Planning Module for Gina & Randy Moyer one lot subdivision
- 7. Notice of SCI Rockview renewal of Title V Permit
- 8. Lead & Copper testing results from municipal building
- 9. NPDES Permit VONG
- 10. Act 14 Notice Sludge Storage Tank Modifications UAJA
- 11. September Zoning Officer Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:32 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Secretary