**Benner Township Supervisors**

**September 6, 2018**

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 Scott Rhoat, Dennis O’Leary, Fred Gustkey, Thomas Eby, Brian Book and Sharon Royer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Fred Gustkey – Judson Mantz Sewage Planning Module: Mr. Gustkey noted that he has prepared a sewage planning module to submit to DEP for a small flow treatment facility for the Mantz property along Valley View Road. Public notice was given in the newspaper and no comments have been received. It was noted as part of this submission the Township must adopt a Resolution to accompany the documentation. Mr. Wise moved to approve Resolution 18-5. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

\*Mr. Capriani is now present. The time is 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Gustkey noted that a Maintenance Agreement between the Township and the owner is also necessary. A copy of a standard agreement that Mr. Gustkey obtained from DEP was presented for approval and signatures. Mr. Wise moved to approve and sign the maintenance agreement. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Scott Rhoat – Bellefonte EMS: Mr. Rhoat was present to give a presentation on the Bellefonte EMS as far as incidents responded to, their fleet information, personnel and budget. Mr. Rhoat noted that as of today Bellefonte EMS has responded to 1610 incidents in 2018. Of this amount 168 of those calls were in Benner Township. Mr. Rhoat noted that ambulance service across the state is in crisis. A meeting is scheduled for September 13th at the Bellefonte EMS building and he noted that he would very much appreciate it if a member of the Board of Supervisors could attend. Mr. Wise noted that he would attend on behalf of the Board.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of July 2, 2018, 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. Capriani – abstained Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

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

**BILLS**

The bills of September 6, 2018, 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 – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – yes

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. O’Leary noted that most of the last couple weeks has been spent on repairing storm damage from all of the rain that we have been receiving this summer. Pine Creek Township is scheduled next week to do the tar and chipping that is planned.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Centre Region COG – Deputy EM Coordinator: This remains tabled.

FEMA Storm Damage: It was noted that Purdue Mt. road is now open. It was opened on August 24th. Work will now begin to make final submission to FEMA/PEMA.

Shiloh Road Sewer Service: The Board is in receipt of a letter dated 8/20/18 from Robert Mix on behalf of SBWJA. This letter was in response to the letter that was sent by Mr. Wise on 8/5/18 asking for realistic time frames and an estimated cost should SBWJA extend sewer service to the Shiloh Road area. Mr. Wise noted that this response letter didn’t come close to answering any of the questions that was asked in his letter. Mr. Wise noted that in order to forward this, he has consulted with Brian Book to see what would be the easiest way for further progress on sewering the Benner Township properties in the Shiloh Road area. Mr. Book suggested scheduling a planning consultation meeting with DEP to see how they would require the Township’s 537 plan to be modified. Mr. Book noted that it could end up being as simple as a Component 3 Planning Module. It was noted that the meeting with DEP is critical in having them define the process that will need to be completed. Mr. Book estimated that a Component 3 Planning Module could cost between $3,000 and $5,000. If a special study needs to be completed it could cost between $5,000 and $7,000 a complete 537 Plan Update could be as much as $10,000 to $15,000. Mr. Moyer noted that he was not interested in taking on cost for this amendment. Mr. Book noted that these are fees that could be passed on to the developer needing the sewer service. Mr. Wise commented that if any development and tax dollars are going to be realized in this area of the Township sewer service must be resolved. Mr. Wise moved to authorize Mr. Book and himself to schedule a no cost planning consultation meeting with DEP to determine the process for the modification of the Township’s 537 Plan. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Letter from Bellefonte EMS: It was noted that this was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Wise will attend the meeting on September 13th.

Letter from Rutter’s RE: Traffic Study interpretation: Discussion was held. The Board asked that this be forwarded on to Mr. Rayman for his legal interpretation.

Meeting room usage: Mrs. Royer noted that she has received several inquiries about renting the meeting room out for various purposes. Discussion was held. The Board decided that they only wish to allow those that have been using the room in the past to continue to use the facilities.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District Notices

a. Earth Disturbance Inspection Village of Nittany Glen – Phase III

2. SBWJA Minutes –July 23, 2018 and August 13, 2018

3. Memo from Liz Lose Re: Updated Comprehensive Plan Adoption Process

4. Email from Bill Hughes RE: Reappointment to SBWJA

5. PSATS News Bulletin

6. Letter from Lindsay Schoch Re: Spring Creek Canyon Trail

**NOTES**

Mr. Capriani asked for an update on the status of the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Royer noted that the Planning Commission asked for one more meeting to review the final draft prior to them holding their public meeting. The review is scheduled for September 13 with the public meeting scheduled for September 27th. A newsletter has been sent out to the Township making them aware of the meeting date and where to find the draft document. The Board of Supervisors should receive their final draft from the Planning Commission on October 1st with the NVJPC and County Planning Commission to begin their 45 day review process on October 2nd. This would mean that the 45 day review comment period would conclude on November 15th and that the Board of Supervisors could hold their public hearing anytime after that with adoption.

**AJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:07 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary