

**Benner Township Supervisors
May 6, 2024
Conditional Use Hearing – Jamie Smith
Kennel**

The Conditional Use Hearing for Jamie Smith for a dog Kennel at 246 Raymond's Lane was advertised to begin at 6:30 p.m., the property was posted, and adjoining property owners were notified, however, the applicant decided not to move forward, therefore the hearing was not held. Several nearby neighbors attended the meeting and expressed concerns of noise (barking dogs) and additional traffic.

Carrie Fala: 294 Raymond's Lane – barking dogs concern kennel 300' from her home, additional traffic

Tammy Chronister: 263 Raymond's Lane – Residential area not a commercial area, concerns about noise.

Alan Leonori: 256 Raymond's Lane –Also speaking on behalf of their neighbors Shvenke's at 268 Raymond's Lane - Concerns about noise.

Nate Campbell: 1081 Seibert Road – Noted that he has concerns about noise and additional traffic.

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Conditional Use Hearing – Duane & Jill Grove
Kennel**

The Conditional Use Hearing for Duane & Jill Grove for a kennel at 147 Grove Drive, Bellefonte was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Kathy Evey present. Also in attendance were John Elnitski, Beth Rossman, Mark Rossman, Allen Strouse, Trevia Strouse, Nate Campbell, Alan Leonori, Deborah Leonori, Deena Hubert, Darrell Hubert, Tammy Chronister, Larry Chronister, John Fala, Carrie Fala, Jill Grove, Duane Grove, Dana Grove, Jim Lanning, Thomas Eby, Gene Stocker, Edward Galus, Matt Harlow, Tom Moyer, Roxanne Corson, David Roberts, Deb Smeal, Mike Lesniak, Rod Beard and Sharon Royer.

Mr. Grove noted that he currently owns almost 11 acres at 147 Grove Drive and that he would like to construct a 20' X 50' pole type building to operate a kennel with a cat room integrated within the building. Mr. Grove acknowledged that dogs will bark. He noted that his previous father in law owned the kennel on Purdue Mountain. He noted that will do what they can to keep the noise down, noting that it will take a while to build a clientele up to determine which dogs are problematic. Mr. Grove noted that the fields all around him will be planted in corn or soybeans for about a half mile the whole way around. He noted that he has spoken with his neighbors to the front and that they are good with it.

Mr. Beard noted that the Township Planning Commission reviewed this application at their April 11, 2024 meeting. The legal advertisement was placed in the paper on April 10th and 26th with the property being posted on April 23rd. As such, proper notice was given. Mr. Beard went over a number of documents that were going to be entered into the record.

Exhibit 1 – Conditional Use Application

Exhibit 2 – Tax Parcel Map showing the property

Exhibit 3 – Tax Card for the property – property is in Clean and Green

Exhibit 4 – Deed for the property

Mr. Beard noted that the Zoning Ordinance does allow kennels in the Agricultural Zoning District as a Conditional Use. Mr. Beard noted the parameters for this use is spelled out in the Zoning Ordinance under Sections 14.16 and 21.14.

Mrs. Evey questioned what the maximum number of dogs are they anticipating. Mr. Grove's reply was 15 to 16 dogs in addition to the cat room. Mr. Lingle questioned if Mr. Grove plans on having established hours when the dogs would be placed inside. He indicated that yes, there would be. He noted that they plan on using spray foam as a way to insulate the building for noise. He indicated that they plan on planting a row of trees around the parameter of the building acknowledging that it will take some time for the trees to be beneficial. Mr. Lingle suggested if the times of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. would be times when the dogs could be kept inside. The Grove indicated that yes those times would work. Mr. Lesniak noted that he believes that the Board should establish the maximum number of animals that the kennel could house and should be listed in the decision. It was decided that no more than 25 dogs and 25 cats be kept at one time.

Mrs. Evey moved to instruct Mr. Beard to prepare a conditional use decision for the Groves based upon the conditions that the Board has set forth for approval. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Evey –yes Mr. Lingle –yes Mr. Moyer - yes

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Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 144

The public hearing on proposed Ordinance 144 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Kathy Evey present. Also in attendance were John Elnitski, Beth Rossman, Mark Rossman, Allen Strouse, Trevia Strouse, Nate Campbell, Alan Leonori, Deborah Leonori, Deena Hubert, Darrell Hubert, Tammy Chronister, Larry Chronister, John Fala, Carrie Fala, Jill Grove, Duane Grove, Dana Grove, Jim Lanning, Thomas Eby, Gene Stocker, Edward Galus, Matt Harlow, Tom Moyer, Roxanne Corson, David Roberts, Deb Smeal, Mike Lesniak, Rod Beard and Sharon Royer.

Mr. Beard reviewed the changes that Ordinance 144 would make to the Township's current Zoning Ordinance.

- (a) Adjust Table A – Master Use Schedule to remove the separate line reference for “Kennel,” as this is duplicative with the line reference for “Animal Hospital and Kennels”.
- (b) Amend Section 14.16 to provide that “Animal Hospitals and Kennels,” shall also be allowed as conditional use in the RR zone to match the Table A – Master Use Schedule for Animal Hospital and Kennels.
- (c) Regarding the requirements for flag lots, delete the last sentence of Section 15.6 C (1) reading: The access drive associated with the staff shall be no closer than 200 feet from a neighboring driveway on an existing roadway or 100 feet on an interior street of a development.
- (d) Re-letter the provisions of Section 14.37 pertaining to Communication, Transmitting and Receiving Facilities for consistency so that that the provisions starting with “Setbacks,” are lettered with capital letters rather than numbers and the subsections thereunder are numbers rather than small letters.

No one present had any questions or comments.

Mr. Moyer moved to adopt Ordinance 144. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

The hearing was adjourned the time being 7:04 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary

Benner Township Supervisors

May 6, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Kathy Evey present. Also in attendance were John Elnitski, Beth Rossman, Mark Rossman, Allen Strouse, Trevia Strouse, Nate Campbell, Alan Leonori, Deborah Leonori, Deena Hubert, Darrell Hubert, Tammy Chronister, Larry Chronister, John Fala, Carrie Fala, Jill Grove, Duane Grove, Dana Grove, Jim Lanning, Thomas Eby, Gene Stocker, Edward Galus, Matt Harlow, Tom Moyer, Roxanne Corson, David Roberts, Deb Smeal, Dave Palmer, Mike Lesniak, Rod Beard and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Berks Homes/Logan Greene Alternate Access: Matt Harlow from the ELA Group, representing Berks Homes was present to discuss an alternate access from the Logan Greene Subdivision that is primarily in Spring Township to the Benner Pike. Mr. Harlow noted that Berks currently has an option to purchase the “L” shaped lot that surrounds the Penn State Federal Credit Union. A sketch of the Valentine Hill Road extension through this lot connecting to Amberleigh Lane and subsequent traffic signal was shown. It was noted that they feel that this possible solution will avoid traffic cutting through the Amberleigh development to get out to a traffic light. Mr. Harlow noted that with this configuration a waiver would be needed from Ordinance 60, the Township’s Streets Standards Ordinance, for the horizontal curves of the proposed road. This waiver request was forwarded on to the Township’s traffic engineer, Rob Watts who recommends granting a one time waiver/modification of the Township’s Street Standards Ordinance No. 60 for the purposes of this project. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the waiver request based upon the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer, Rob Watts of McCormick Taylor. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Tom Eby: Mr. Eby gave the board an update on the nitrate removal system timeline at Grove Park. The Engineer is working on the drawings and equipment specifications to get to DEP for permitting the system. It was noted that it could take up to six months to receive DEP approval. It was noted that within the next two months the cost estimates should be known. The project should be completed by the end of the year.

Jim Lanning: Mr. Lanning noted that he is still working on getting the Township’s water system connected to an adjoining water system. He noted that this could cost approximately \$7 million.

Gene Stocker: Mr. Stocker noted that he has questions regarding the change in density in the Forest Conservation District that took place from 2018 to 2020. He questioned why it was done and is it going to happen again? Mr. Moyer noted that the zoning is written and it will be the way it is until it is found to be needed to be reviewed and amended through the process again. Mr. Stocker noted that the Township had zoning in 2018 and doesn't understand why the Township changed it. He asked if it will change again? Mr. Moyer noted that it is possible, as he can't speak for what the future holds.

Mr. Stocker noted that he hired others to check his well for EDB and that it is testing positive again and above the State's established MCL. He noted that it hasn't ever gone away it has come up in various different levels but that DEP stopped looking for the plume several years ago. More discussion was held.

Mr. Eby noted that the State College Borough Water Authority is doing a feasibility study to run water to the Walnut Grove Area and that it is anticipated to be completed in mid July. He noted that they will not commit to anything until this study is done.

The Board indicated that they would create a postcard and send it to the residents of Walnut Grove regarding EDB.

Mr. Stocker noted that he also conducted soil tests in his development for PFAS. He noted that out of the 8 tests taken six were positive.

Mr. Stocker noted that he feels that regulations should be put in place that before building takes place where a well is going to be used, that the well should be drilled and tested first. Mr. Moyer noted that water can be treated. More discussion took place on whose responsibility it falls on to make notice.

David Roberts noted that he works with the Sierra Club. He indicated that the Club has done testing of surface waters in the area. Mr. Roberts noted that the stormwater coming from the airport was tested and has tested positive for PFAS. He noted that it is going into Spring Creek, down to Milesburg and into the Bald Eagle Creek. Mr. Roberts noted that the Benner Spring is also contaminated, indicating that anyone whose well is drawing from the Gatesburg aqua formation could potentially be contaminated. He noted that he feels that the public should be informed of these facts.

Mr. Lesniak noted that he recalls reading a recent article from DEP that stated that approximately 75% of all streams and waterways in Pennsylvania were found to have some amount of PFAS in it. Mr. Roberts disputed what Mr. Lesniak said.

Mr. Roberts noted that PFAS has also been found in the influent at the UAJA and Bellefonte waste water treatment plants.

Mrs. Evey noted that she feels that developers should be required to test before additional development can continue so that additional people are not exposed.

Mr. Stocker noted that he feels that the Township should require a note on permits and land development applications making it known that PFAS has been found in the area. Mr. Moyer noted

that it is being found everywhere and that it is more so the EPA and DEP's responsibility to deal with this issue than a Township.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 1, 2024, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lingle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

The May meeting Treasurer's Report was presented to the board. It was noted that the Accounts Receivable from the General Fund was \$146,938.87 Mr. Moyer moved to approve the Accounts Receivable report. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – abstain Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – yes

Mrs. Evey noted that she abstained from voting on this item due to the fact that she did not receive it 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The General Fund expenditures list in the amount of \$119,948.79, was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the payable list as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – abstain Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – yes

Mrs. Evey noted that she abstained from voting on this item due to the fact that she did not receive it 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Royer asked, Rodney Beard, Solicitor for clarification regarding this item and was it in fact a requirement that the actual list be presented to the Board 24 hours prior to the meeting. He indicated that there are places that set policy to that, however there is no law to that effect.

Mrs. Evey made a motion to amend the agenda for a resolution to be placed on the agenda for consideration that would allow the Secretary to pay bills such as the electric bill and other utilities outside of the once a month meeting. Due to the lack of a second, the motion died.

Leaf Vac Payment: Mrs. Royer noted that the Township was awarded a grant for the purchase of the Leaf Vac truck. The Township is responsible for a 10% match. The match funds for the truck were budgeted to be expended out of the American Rescue Funds in the amount of \$26,397.00. This grant is a reimbursable grant, therefore the Township must pay for the truck in full and will then be reimbursed. Mrs. Royer indicated that the remaining \$237,573.63 will come out of the Township's Capital Reserve Fund and will be replaced when the payment is received back from the state. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the expenditures out of the ARF Fund and Capital Reserve Fund for the Leaf Vac Truck. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – yes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Beard noted that he will be preparing an ordinance amendment that will allow more than one principal use on a lot. The second use will be handled by a Conditional Use application. It was noted that another amendment will be to add parking requirements to the Animal Hospital/Kennel use at one parking space per 500 gross square footage of the building. Mr. Moyer moved to have Mr. Beard prepare and advertise these amendments. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Vacancy Board: Mrs. Evey made a motion to appoint Terese Hollen to the vacancy Board. With a lack of a second, the motion died.

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Dennis Jaworski to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – no

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Mrs. Evey noted that the reason that she noted no, was that she didn't recall that it was stated at the last meeting that there were others interested in serving, that the opening was open for some time with three applicants having their applications turned in on time and then the position was tabled at the last minute. Now a fourth applicant has been submitted and she doesn't feel that it is fair to the other three applicants.

Stone Bids: Mrs. Royer noted that the bids results were in the Board's packets. It was noted that a conversation took place with Woodland Equipment and that their bids for materials to be pick up wasn't the least expensive since the Township would have to travel such a distance for the material. It was noted that the bid for the limestone sand for delivery will be rejected as it may be a material that we won't need and it would be unfair to have them provide a performance bond which will in turn cost them money for the one item. Therefore, the Township will just pick up the limestone sand if it becomes needed at the Hawbaker plant.

2024 BENNER TOWNSHIP ROAD MATERIALS				Hawbaker FOB Plant	Hawbaker Del.	Heidelberg FOB Plant	Heidelberg Delivered	Woodland Equipment FOB Plant	Woodland Equipment Delivered	HRI, Inc. FOB Plant	HRI Delivered
1	1000	ton	PA-2A SUBBASE	10.50	15.20	11.25	16.25	10.25	16.24	No bid	No bid
2	250	ton	SELECT GRANULAR MATERIAL-2RC	10.50	15.20	9.50	14.50	8.94	14.66	No bid	No bid
3	250	ton	AASHTO No. 1	14.70	19.10	17.00	23.00	16.67	22.19	No bid	No bid
4	250	ton	AASHTO No. 57	14.70	19.10	17.00	22.00	14.39	19.98	No bid	No bid
5	250	ton	AASHTO No. 8	17.85	22.55	27.00	32.00	17.50	23.04	No bid	No bid
6	1000	ton	Washed AASHTO No. 8	18.90	23.60	27.00	32.00	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
7	1000	ton	Washed 1/4" No. 9	14.00	18.70	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
8	300	ton	#3	13.65	18.35	20.00	26.00	17.34	22.73	No bid	No bid
9	300	tons	R3	14.70	19.10	18.00	24.00	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
10	300	ton	R4	14.70	19.10	18.00	24.00	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
11	300	ton	R5	17.85	22.55	22.00	29.00	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
12	300	ton	R6	17.85	22.55	22.00	30.50	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
13	200	ton	Surge Stone	17.85	22.55	17.00	22.00	15.15	23.74	No bid	No bid

14	250 ton	SUPERPAVE WEARING COURSE, 9.5mm	73.35	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	78.85	No bid
15	250 ton	SUPERPAVE WEARING COURSE, 19.0mm	67.75	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	72.75	No bid
16	250 ton	SUPERPAVE BINDER COURSE, 19.0mm	67.75	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	72.75	No bid
17	250 ton	SUPERPAVE BINDER COURSE, 25.0mm	60.65	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	66.35	No bid
18	1000 ton	DSA	16.80	21.50	18.50	25.50	19.20	24.69	No bid	No bid
19	250 ton	Limestone Sand	14.70	19.10	15.00	20.00	11.11	16.71	No bid	No bid
20	100 ton	UPM Cold Patch	140.00	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	135.00	150.00
21	100 ton	Cold Patch	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the lowest responsible bidder on all items and reject the limestone sand delivered line item. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

CATA: Mrs. Evey noted that she reached out to residents via a facebook post, she made two attempts to meet with Steve Dershem, she spoke with County Employees concerning the prison's work release program as well as a few others. She noted that what she found was that people were saying that they wanted the CATA bus service but she didn't find anyone that was heavily relying on it for daily transportation. She noted that she spoke with people from Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough and that it appears that this service was mostly targeted for Bellefonte Borough service. She did find out that through the County's Transportation Office that anyone that was 60+ years of age or is disabled is able to get public transportation through them free of charge however, the trip must be booked 24 hours in advance. She noted in regards to the County's prison work release program, she found that the County has sufficient employees and ample vans that can accommodate their program. Mrs. Evey noted that in her opinion, she doesn't feel it makes sense to continue to be in the agreement. Mr. Lingle thanked Mrs. Evey for all the time that she put into doing the research on this matter. Mr. Lingle made a motion to send CATA the Township's one year opt out notice. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Village of Nittany Glenn Phase II-B.1: Mrs. Royer indicated that the Township has been contacted regarding the release of surety for the Village of Nittany Glenn Phase II-B.1 in the amount of \$29,168.43. Both the developer's Engineer and Township Engineer have stated that the work has been completed and was found to be satisfactory. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the release of the surety. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Game Commission Re: North Central Office Building Project: Mrs. Royer noted that the PA Game Commission is asking that a letter be drafted stating that the Township has had the opportunity to review the plans that the game commission has for a new Regional Office off of Shiloh Road and does not oppose the proposed change of the management to the portion of the property shown in the exhibits and description that they provided. It was noted that a copy of the preliminary sketch land development plan was included, a map showing the area where the building is to be built and sketches showing what the building will look like.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he believes that a public meeting should be held before any permissions are granted for a building on their lands.

Mr. Beard noted that he did see in the agreement in Paragraph 11 that said if the agreement is going to be modified in any way that a public hearing was required. He noted that he did not see anywhere where it stated that if someone wanted to build a building that it required a public hearing.

Discussion was held. Mr. Lingle noted that he feels that this is the correct application for the property in the correct location noting that it isn't being built anywhere near the "Canyon" it is right off of the interstate.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he still feels that the Township should demand a public hearing/meeting, that public has a right to comment on this proposal.

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the letter that was drafted. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion. Mrs. Evey questioned what was being approved. Mrs. Royer read the letter as drafted which read,

"The Benner Township Supervisors, designated as a TAG member, appreciate the opportunity to consult and review the Pennsylvania Game Commissions plans as per the requirement of the TAG agreement dated January 11, 2011.

Benner Township, a designated TAG Member, does not oppose the proposed change of the management to the portion of the property shown in the exhibits and letter description that was provided in your email dated April 26, 2024."

Mrs. Evey noted that she read the TAG agreement, but questioned Mr. Beard that by agreeing to having the building placed there doesn't really violate the TAG agreement? Mr. Beard noted that yes that is his opinion, it doesn't violate the agreement.

Discussion took place on the DEP sewage planning module for the Game Commission and why they rejected it. Mrs. Evey noted that she doesn't disagree with the building but doesn't agree with different parts of it that can be brought up at a later time.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer – yes

Barns Lane Subdivision: Roxanne Corson, from Penn Terra Engineering was present, to present the Barns Lane 10 lot Subdivision. Mr. Moyer noted that he is recusing himself from voting due to being a partner in ownership of the subdivision. Ms. Corson noted that all of the comments from the County have been addressed. The lot sizes range from 1.548 to 4.5 acres. Mrs. Evey questioned if all the necessary permits have been issued. It was noted that at this point the only permits that were needed were for sewage planning in which two sites were found per lot. The PA DEP has approved the sewage planning module. Mrs. Royer noted that the last remaining item for plan approval was the adoption of Ordinance 144 dealing with the flag lot definition change. Mr. Lingle moved to approve the plan as presented. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer - abstain

Rishel Hill Traffic Signal Agreement: Mrs. Royer stated that PennDot is seeking permission from the Township to place camera equipment on the Rishel Hill Traffic Signal. A standard agreement for this permission was given to the Township by PennDot and provided to Mr. Beard for his review. It was noted that the equipment would be owned and maintained by PennDot but that the Township will need to pay for the electricity for the camera which would be very minimal. Mr. Moyer moved to adopt Resolution 24-3 dealing with the PennDOT traffic signal agreement. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Brandon Boone Resignation: The Board is in receipt of the resignation letter from Brandon Boone from the Township’s Road Department. Mr. Moyer moved to accept the resignation letter. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Surety Reduction Request Village of Nittany Glen Phase VI and VII: The Board is in receipt of a surety reduction request for the Village of Nittany Glen Phase VI and VII. The request for Phase VI is to bring the total down to \$218,376.40 and Phase VII down to \$253,347.60. The Township is in receipt of confirmation from the Township’s Engineer that these amounts are acceptable and that he recommends approval.

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the surety reduction of the Village of Nittany Glen, Phase VI to \$218,376.40. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the surety reduction of the Village of Nittany Glen, Phase VII to \$253,347.60. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Shiloh Road Maintenance Agreement: Mrs. Royer noted that we just received the new copy of the Technical Advisory Group’s Shiloh Road Maintenance Agreement from the Fish Commission’s Legal Department. This 10 year agreement is the same agreement as the previous agreement between the Township, PA Game Commission, PA Fish Commission and Penn State University that each entity would contribute \$2,500 per year for the maintenance of Shiloh Road. It was noted that the Board approved this last year, but we are just now receiving the written document. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the Shiloh Road Maintenance Agreement. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Traffic Signal Improvement Bids: Mrs. Royer noted that the bid documents for the Benner Pike Traffic Signal updates are ready to be advertised. The Engineer is proposing for the bids to be open on May 31 to allow for review and subsequent award at the Board’s June meeting. Mr. Moyer moved to place the traffic signal improvement proposal out for bid. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Skid Steer Extended Warranty: The Board is in receipt of several options for an extended warranty for the Township’s skid steer. Mr. Moyer noted that he thinks that the 3 year Premier warranty is the way to go. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the purchase of the 3 year Premier extended warranty for the skid steer at the cost of \$2,920.00. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Municipal Building Fencing: Mr. O'Leary received a quote to have the fencing reinstalled along the front of the Township's property next to Buffalo Run Road. The quote for this fencing was from Nastase Construction and Supplies for \$6,261.44. Mrs. Evey moved to approve the quote from Nastase Construction and Supplies. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Additional Equipment Radios: A quote was received from Centre Communications for 4 mobile radios to be installed in the new Township equipment that does not yet have radios. The cost of the radios is \$8,928.00 for the 4 units. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the purchase of these additional radios. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Property Usage Agreement Rishel Hill Road/Terry Rogers: It was noted that guiderail is being proposed for a section of Rishel Hill Road that is off of the Township's right of way due to the roadway's terrain. It was noted that the owner of the property where the work and installation is to take place, Terry and Gina Rogers, has written an agreement allowing for this work to be done on their property. Mr. Beard has looked over the agreement and found it to be acceptable. Mr. Moyer moved to sign the agreement with the Rogers so that the guiderail can be installed. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle - yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Potential American Rescue Fund Projects: Mrs. Royer noted that during the Township's last audit it was suggested that the Township hire an IT specialist to do a review of the Township's internet security/back up equipment, etc. After consulting with Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough, both recommended Link Computer Corp. A company representative came out and is recommending some changes and additional security equipment. To begin with, a more robust fire wall is recommended at the cost of \$1,992.00. Other suggestions included to get rid of the AOL email service and changing it to a .gov address, and a more constant back up system so data won't be lost. It was also found that the township's webpage is outdated, not secure and not compatible with some mobile devices. Prices on a new website were received from Revize Govt Websites for \$16,050.00 and Keystone Connect for \$7,350.00. Lastly, it was recommended by the Township's first aid company that the Township should have an AED device on site. After some research it was found that these devices cost on average of \$1,500.00. Deb Smeal gave some input on where to check on the purchase of an AED. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the expenditures of American Rescue Funds on the items that were discussed and outlined. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. Moyer - yes

Cyber Insurance: Mrs. Evey questioned if the Township had cyber insurance. It was noted that we do not. The Board asked Mrs. Royer to obtain quotes on this insurance.

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – March 25, 2024 & April 8, 2024
2. BTWA Minutes – March 19, 2024
3. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Lot Addition/Replot Proposal Barnes Lane/Sandra Ross & John Ross
 - b. Village of Nittany Glen Phase IIIA
 - i. Franson Engineering Review letter

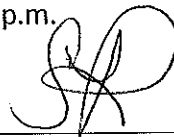
- c. Benner Pike Hotel Time Extension
 - d. Bellefonte Warehouse Plan submission
4. Conservation District Letter –
 - a. E & S approval letter for Sheetz Rebuild
 5. PFAS DEP's April's Update
 6. Copy of Notices to Connect to public sewer to TD2 LLC & Ralph Locklin
 7. Bellefonte EMS 1st quarter 2024 report
 8. Notice that NVJRA submitted grant applications to C2P2
 9. DEP Sewage Planning Module denial for the PA Game Commission
 10. April Zoning/Building Permit Report
 11. Notice of CCMPO public comment period of 2025-2028 TIP
 12. Notice from Spring Township Re: rezoning, zoning ordinance changes they plan to make

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board noted that they will be holding an executive session after the regular meeting on personnel matters and will not be reconvening.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:45 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Secretary