

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2011**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:05 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair William B. Jones, and Members Jim Scanzillo, and Robert V. Cotton. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Engineer Craig Kennard and Township Solicitor John Rice.

1. Call to Order: Mrs. Haun called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Haun led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements from the Chair: Mrs. Haun announced that an Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss Land Preservation and Personnel issues.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo and unanimously carried, the Board authorized an appraisal for property.

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2011 Public Meeting:

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of July 18, 2011 were approved as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Public Works Department: Ms. Bradley presented the Public Works Report for July 2011. She added that the recently seal coated Schoolhouse Road had been damaged by contractors for the Highlands. The Township was working with the Homeowners' Association to correct the damage.

6.2. Police Department Report: Chief Robert Scafidi provided the Board with the Police Department Report for July 2011.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following items: Swamp Road/Degradis Professional Services Agreement; and New Galena Road/Detweiler Professional Services Agreement.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mr. Cotton discussed his concern that the Township sign located at the intersection of Upper State Road and County Line Road is to be destroyed by PennDOT, but not replaced. Ms. Bradley stated that PennDOT representatives informed her their Right-of-Way department will be in touch with her to discuss compensation for the sign. Ms. Bradley also added that Public Works had removed the lettering and the seal from the sign.

Mr. Cotton also reported that a meeting was held on Friday August 12 at the Township to further the Bristol Road Extension project. In attendance at the meeting was State Representative Kathy Watson, and representatives from the offices of Lieutenant Governor Cawley, State Senator Chuck McIlhinney, Chalfont and New Britain Boroughs. There is currently no money for this project but focus should remain on keeping the Bristol Road Extension on the County and State Transportation Improvement Projects lists.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Professional Services Agreements Discussion: Ms. Bradley proposed and the Board agreed that all future Professional Services Agreements (PSA's) and Escrow Releases be placed on a Consent Agenda to be approved as a group by the Board at Regular Meetings. Once approved by the Board, the PSA's and Escrow Releases would then be executed by the manager.

11.2. Regional Police Study Discussion: Ms. Bradley reported that she had attended a meeting in July to explore the possibility of a Central Bucks Regional Police Force. Ms. Bradley stated that the Regionalization Committee, which presently consisted of Doylestown Township and Borough and New Britain Borough, would be commissioning a DCED feasibility study and had invited other Central Bucks communities to participate as well. Ms. Bradley stated that we should explore all possible cost-saving options, the Township could participate in the study without committing to joining a regional police force. Once the study was completed with Township figures, further investigation might be warranted. The DCED study would be no cost to the Township.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, participation in a DCED Regional Police Study was authorized on a vote of three to one, Mr. Cotton opposed.

11.3. Execution of Road Maintenance Contracts: Ms. Bradley requested the execution of the 2011 Road Maintenance Contracts for Bray Brothers, Inc and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of the 2011 Road Maintenance Contracts for Bray Brothers, Inc and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC.

11.4. Resolution #2011-16 Records Dissolution: Ms. Bradley requested the Board to approve Resolution #2011-16, authorizing the disposal of records outlined in the Resolution.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously authorized the disposition of records described in Resolution #2011-16.

11.5. Release of Escrow NBCC Manor Drive Close-Out: Mr. Rice stated that the release of Maintenance Bond for Manor Drive should be subject to posting of \$5,700.00 cash or financial security.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized the release of NBCC Manor Drive Maintenance Bond Escrow, subject to posting of \$5,700.00 in financial security.

11.6. Bridge Renovation: Ms. Bradley reported that a meeting was held with Gilmore and Associates and structural engineers JMT to discuss options for the New Galena Road Bridge. Full replacement would cost approximately \$1.3 million dollars. Ms. Bradley reported that she is investigating loan options for \$2 million dollars to cover the cost of the New Galena Bridge, one or two of the four culverts that need to be replaced/repared, and debt service on mandated emergency services radios. Mr. Jones suggested that a loan be taken out in an amount to cover all bridges and culverts that need replacement and repair, as well as the radios. Mr. Cotton added that the County should be contacted to see if they would assist financially since the bridge is on the main road leading to Peace Valley Park. Ms. Bradley said she will continue to look into funding possibilities and report back next month with options. At this time, Ms. Bradley is asking for approval to move forward with the final design work and submission of permits for the New Galena Bridge.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved by all present, to proceed with JMT for final design work and permitting for the New Galena Bridge for the cost of \$150,000.

12. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: Mr. Rice reported that the Township had negotiated a Conservation Easement on 12.84± acres known as TMP #26-004-062, formerly the Joseph Gaynor property at Barner and New Galena Roads, under agreement to Robert Goldman. Goldman Land Preservation is going before the Bucks County Conservation Board next week. The Township will pay \$173,205.00, with the Bucks County Open Space Program contributing 75% for a cost to the Township of \$43,301.25. The Township would present their application for County funding to the Bucks County Open Space Board at their next meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to authorize a Conservation Easement Agreement of Sale for the Goldman/Gaynor property for \$173,205.00.

Mr. Rice also recommended amending the Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance to bring the ordinance in compliance with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes known as the Uniform Firearms Act by allowing firearms within the park system under the terms of the Act.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance to bring the ordinance in compliance with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes known as the Uniform Firearms Act by allowing firearms within the park system under the terms of the Act.

13. Other Business: There was no other business at this time.

14. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment at this time.

15. Payment of Bills: List dated 8/1/11 for \$45,615.38; List dated 8/12/11 for \$95,653.21

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 1, 2011 for \$45,615.38.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 12, 2011 for \$95,653.21.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Helen B. Haun, Chair

William B. Jones, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

John A. Bodden, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager