

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 2, 2012 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair William B. Jones, Vice Chair A. James Scanzillo, Members John A. Bodden, Robert V. Cotton and Helen B. Haun. Also present was Township Solicitor John B. Rice and Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Jones called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Jones led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements: There were no Announcements at this time.

3.1. Presentation to Girl Scout Amanda Sergeyeve: The Board presented Resolution #2012-08, acknowledging the accomplishments of Amanda M. Sergeyeve in completing requirements to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award.

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

5. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2012 Public Meeting:

MOTION: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and approved 4 to 0 with Mr. Jones abstaining.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. 2012 Road Maintenance Program: Ms. Bradley reported to the Board that the Township will be going out to bid for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program, with a bid opening date of April 30, 2012, contract award scheduled for the May 21 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Ms. Bradley reviewed the roads scheduled for bituminous seal coat (oil and chip) and the roads selected for milling and paving. Start date for these projects had not been determined. Mr. Cotton suggested that the Board members visit the individual roads so that they can see why the roads have been selected for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program. Mr. Cotton also asked Ms. Bradley to find out what section of Township Line Road is maintained by New Britain Township.

7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no consideration of old business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Beulah Cemetery Trail Easement: Ms. Bradley reported that the owners of Beulah Cemetery had signed a trail easement granting New Britain Township the right to place, operate, and maintain a bike and hike trail on existing roadways throughout the cemetery. The New Britain Township section of the trail is part of a Trails to Rails Joint Project with Doylestown Township and New Britain Borough that will provide trails to the SEPTA Train Station in New Britain Borough. Ms. Bradley asked that the Township approve execution of the Easement with Beulah Cemetery.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the execution of an Easement with Beulah Cemetery, granting New Britain Township the right to place, operate, and maintain a bike and hike trail on existing roadways throughout the cemetery.

9. Consent Agenda: There was no Consent Agenda items at this time.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: There was no Board of Supervisor Comments at this time.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Gallagher Zoning Hearing Board Application: Ms. Bradley reported that on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board would hear the Gallagher Application for the property at 389 New Galena Road, TMP #26-001-116 in the SR-2 District, for a variance to allow a seasonal Agricultural Retail Use as a pick-your-own pumpkin patch; and to allow more than one principal use. Ms. Bradley suggested the Board order her attend the hearing on April 19, 2012 to recommend conditions to the Zoning Hearing Board: ensure that only pumpkins are sold and only during the designated months; impose condition of improvement of site distance at the corner of the property.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ms. Bradley attending the Zoning Hearing Board on April 19, 2012.

11.2. PSATS Bylaws Change: Ms. Bradley reported that PSATS is proposing a Bylaws Change enabling a \$64.00 increase in annual dues effective January 1, 2013.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to have the Township Voting Delegate at the next Annual State Convention vote in favor of PSATS Bylaws change enabling a \$64.00 increase in annual dues.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There were no comments at this time from the Solicitor or Engineer.

13. Other Business: There was no Other Business.

14. Public Comment: Mr. Gene Dolan of Indian Creek Way stated that they had recently decided to switch to Verizon for cable service. When they spoke with technician from Verizon, they were informed that Verizon would need to obtain a permit from the Township to dig a line in the street and through two adjoining properties to install the fiber optic cables. When a PECO technician came out to mark the property, he informed Mr. Dolan that Verizon had already laid conduit in the area and should not have to dig up anything. Mr. Dolan had attempted to contact Verizon but had not received any response. His concern is that Verizon will dig up property and roadways unnecessarily. Ms. Bradley stated that she would contact the municipal representative at Verizon to find out what is going on and what is necessary to have service installed on Indian Creek Way.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated March 30, 2012 for \$49,162.75:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 30, 2012 for \$49,162.75.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

William B. Jones, Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Member

John A. Bodden, Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager