

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 4, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Helen B. Haun, John A. Bodden, Robert V. Cotton, and William B. Jones. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor John B. Rice, and Township Engineer Craig Kennard.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the Meeting to order.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Announcements:** Mr. Scanzillo announced that the Board had met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and land acquisition.
- 4. Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment at this time.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**

**5.1. Minutes from January 28, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to approve the January 28, 2013 Minutes as written.

- 6. Departmental Reports:** There were no Departmental Reports at this time.
- 7. Consideration of Old Business:** There was no Old Business at this time.
- 8. Consideration of New Business:**

**8.1. Consideration of Resolution #2013-07: Setting Salary for Tax Collector for 2014-2017:** Ms. Bradley presented the Board with proposed Resolution #2013-07, reflecting the Tax Collector's Salary set at \$23,000.00 for tax years 2014 through 2017. These amounts are in addition to \$4.00 per Interim Tax Bill issued and 3.5% of the Street Light Assessments collected. The resolution also sets the fee for Tax Certification Services provided by the Township Tax Collector at Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for a four-year tax certification; the fee for a Duplicate Tax Bill shall be set at Five Dollars (\$5.00) per duplicate; and the fee for a Returned Check shall be set at Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and carried to approve Resolution #2013-07: Setting the Salary for New Britain Township Tax Collector for 2014-2017. Mr. Jones abstained from the vote due to financial conflict.

**8.2. NWWA Grant of Easements for Water Transmission Line Installation Project:** Ms. Bradley stated that, as part of the Forest Park Treatment Facility water transmission line expansion project, there were four properties within New Britain Township, three of which are owned by New Britain Township, that require easements for the underground water line installation by North Wales Water Authority.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to execute the three easements required on Township owned parcels known as TMP #26-001-103-005, #26-005-002-001 and #26-007-393.

## 9. Consent Agenda:

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda item: **New Britain Corporation/Joseph Cairone Professional Services Agreement for the subdivision of New Britain Business Park Lot #20, with corresponding \$10,000.00 Legal and Engineering Escrow.**

**10. Board of Supervisors Comments:** Mrs. Haun stated that some of the Supervisors had attended the Bucks County Association of Township Officials Annual Convention on Saturday February 2, and one of the main topics was social media and how it provides a great venue to get information out to the public. Ms. Bradley stated that the Township was presently working on creating a Facebook page and Twitter page.

## 11. Township Administration Comments:

**11.1. Zoning Hearing Board Application of SKP Enterprises, LLC dba Petri's Skyline Tavern:** Ms. Bradley announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would consider the application of the Skyline Tavern on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for a Special Exception to build an exterior deck. Mr. Robert Gundlach, legal counsel for the applicant, was present and stated that in 2011, Mr. Steve Petrie, owner of Skyline Tavern, applied to the ZHB for a Special Exception for a deck and was denied due to the size of the deck and the lack of parking. Mr. Gundlach stated that the new application reflected a reduced size of the deck and the addition of eight or nine parking spots. The applicant would also propose additional architectural features that would include soundproof walls.

Mr. Scanzillo stated that the next step would be for the applicant to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board and asked if there was any Public Comment.

Mrs. Eileen Domenico of Deerpath Road asked if the Board would support the original ZHB denial. Mr. Rice noted that the original Decision had been appealed to the Court of Common Pleas and that that appeal had been withdrawn. This application replaced the withdrawn issue. Mr. Rice also stated that the Board of Supervisors had already authorized the Township Solicitor's office to attend the Zoning Hearing Board to oppose the application.

Mrs. Audrey Raffle of Skyline Drive stated that she represented the Oxbow Civic Association and that the residents had spoken out against this application, just as they had done last time.

Mr. Gundlach stated that he was unaware that the Board had already made a decision in regards to the Skyline Application and asked them to reconsider opposing the application. Mrs. Haun said she would not reconsider.

Mr. Siegfried Geisel of Brookdale Drive asked who has the final say in regards to the application being approved. Mr. Rice responded that the Zoning Hearing Board has jurisdiction over the application. The Board of Supervisors can appear before the Zoning Hearing Board for any application.

**11.2. 2013 Road Maintenance Program:** Ms. Bradley announced that the 2013 Road Maintenance Program Bid Packets were available and the bids were due on February 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., with a potential award of contract on March 4, 2013.

**12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:** Mr. Rice indicated that he had received a revised offer from the law firm of Daniel Cohen Law Group to review and rewrite our current Telecommunications Ordinance to comply with recent and developing technology changes that might leave the Township exposed to unwanted cellular towers. The Cohen Group would revise the Telecommunications ordinance for \$4,500.00 with fourteen additional municipalities participating. They would also review and revise our Right-of-Way ordinance for an additional fee, but Mr. Rice advised waiting for further information before revising the ROW ordinance.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Boddin, and unanimously carried to authorize the Daniel Cohen Law Group to revise the Telecommunications ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Mr. Kennard stated that the review letter for New Britain Business Park Lot #20 was in draft form and would be released shortly.

**13. Other Business:** There was no Other Business at this time.

**14. Payment of Bills:**

**14.1. Bills List dated January 31, 2013 for \$19,180.94:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated January 31, 2013 for \$19,180.94.**

**15. Public Comment:**

Mr. Robert Showalter, representing the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance, requested Board support of a petition to change Butler Avenue to "Business Route 202". Mr. Cotton stated that PennDOT no longer assigns numbers to highways in these types of circumstances.

**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 7:30 p.m.**

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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A. James Scanzillo, Chair

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Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

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John A. Bodden, Member

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Helen B. Haun, Member

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William B. Jones, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eileen M. Bradley  
Secretary/Manager