

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 5, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:02 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members Helen B. Haun, John A. Bodden and William B. Jones, III. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Jonathan Reiss, 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 on July 8, 2013 in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation (Skyline Tavern ZHB Appeal) and also prior to the Meeting in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, litigation (Skyline Tavern, Mortimer ZHB Appeal) and land acquisition.

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

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**5.1. Minutes of July 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to approve the July 8, 2013 Minutes as written.

**6. Departmental Reports:** Ms. Bradley reviewed the following monthly Reports for June 2013: Code Department, Police Department and Public Works Department.

**7. Consideration of Old Business:** There was no Old Business at this time.

**8. Consideration of New Business:**

**8.1. Award of Bid – 1999 Chevy Lumina:** Ms. Bradley reported that the Township received 33 bids from five bidders on the MuniBid.com auction site for the 1999 Chevy Lumina, with the highest bidder being Ronald Lazaro for \$2,350.00.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and carried unanimously to award the sale of the 1999 Chevy Lumina to Ronald Lazaro for \$2,350.00.

**8.2. Right-of-Way Ordinance Authorization for Advertisement:** Ms. Bradley asked the Board to authorize advertisement of the Right-of-Way Ordinance Amendment, modifying the exemptions provision for permissible uses within the Township Rights-of-Way.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement for the Township's Right-of-Way Ordinance Amendment.

**9. Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items: Professional Services Agreement for SBC Pennsylvania Properties LP (Schmidt Baking), 141 Liberty Lane, for construction of a distribution warehouse with a

**corresponding \$10,000 escrow; Professional Services Agreement for Pine Valley Crossing Associates LP, Ferry Road and Old Iron Hill Road (Wordsworth Academy Property), for construction of 36 single-family homes with a corresponding \$36,000 escrow.**

**10. Board of Supervisors Comments:** Mr. Cotton stated that PennDOT had completed paving of a portion of County Line Road where construction had taken place over the past several months.

Mrs. Haun stated that she had spoken with a Highlands resident who complimented the Township on the beauty of Highlands Park and thanked the crew that takes care of the Park.

**11. Township Administration Comments:**

**11.1. Vendor Sales at North Branch Park:** Ms. Bradley stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had been approached by Abundance Water Ice, asking to sell water ice at North Branch Park during fall sporting events. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended allowing Abundance to sell water ice at North Branch Park on a trial basis.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to allow Sean Finnegan, owner of Abundance Water Ice, to sell water ice at North Branch Park on a trial basis, with a review at the end of the trial period.**

**11.2. Reduction of Speed on Ferry Road:** Ms. Bradley stated that PennDOT had completed a speed study along Ferry Road and determined that the speed could be reduced from 45 miles per hour (mph) to 40 mph. Ms. Bradley said that a couple weeks ago a resident called looking for help in having the speed reduced along Ferry Road. A work order had been placed by PennDOT to have the speed limit signs changed and should be completed over the next couple of weeks.

**11.3. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Vacancy:** Ms. Bradley noted that there had been a vacancy on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board since January 2013. Two candidates had been considered, and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended to the Board of Supervisors appointing James Bender of Blue Jay Road to the vacant seat. Mr. Bender is a returning New Britain Township resident, who has previously worked during summers with the Park and Recreation Crew in New Britain Township.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried to appoint James Bender of Blue Jay Road to fill the vacant spot on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Bender will complete the unexpired term relinquished by Carl Haag. That term expires on December 31, 2013.**

**11.4. August 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meeting:** Ms. Bradley asked the Board to consider cancellation of the advertised August 19, 2013 Meeting due to lack of business and due to the fact that she would be out of the office that week.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to cancel the advertised August 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Meeting.**

**12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:** There were no comments at this time.

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

**14. Public Comment:** Mrs. Browngold of Ferry Road asked if the posted escrow for Pine Valley Crossing Associates was a standard fee. Mr. Scanzillo stated that the escrow would cover consulting review fees associated with the land development process.

**15. Payment of Bills:**

**15.1. Bills List dated July 24, 2013 for \$138,252.13:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated July 24, 2013 for \$138,252.13.

**16. Adjournment:**

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

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Helen B. Haun, Member

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William B. Jones, III, Member

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