

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 6, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair John A. Bodden, Sr., Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members William B. Jones, III, A. James Scanzillo and Helen B. Haun. Also present were Township Solicitor John Rice and Township Engineer Erik Garton. Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley was absent.

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

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

3. Announcements: Mr. Bodden announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition and litigation.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Ms. Parent of Forest Park Drive stated to the Board that she found the inspection of home address numbers being completed to be unnecessary and that the letter being sent to the residents asking them to bring their house address numbers into compliance with current codes is nasty and threatening. Mr. Bodden stated that the Board would take her comments under advisement and discuss the process with staff. Solicitor John Rice stated that the letter was a form letter, stating the requirements of the International Property Maintenance Code for home address numbers.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of September 15, 2014 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved, to accept the September 15, 2014 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports: There were no department reports at this time.

7. Consideration of Old Business:

7.1. Adoption of Ordinance #2014-10-06: Traffic Regulations: Mr. Bodden opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Rice noted that the hearing for the ordinance had been duly advertised and had been made available to the public. Ms. Benner stated that the ordinance amended Parts 2 and 3 of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, providing for speed limits, streets, traffic lights, stop signs, intersection restrictions, weight limits, size limits, and bridge restrictions to be enforced. The amendment would have the ordinance match what was in the field.

There was no Public Comment at this time. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to adopt Ordinance #2014-10-06, amending Parts 2 and 3 of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, providing for speed limits, streets, traffic lights, stop signs, intersection restrictions, weight limits, size limits, and bridge restrictions to be enforced.

8. Consideration of New Business

8.1. Salt Contract Award: Ms. Benner stated that the Consortium 2014-15 Salt Bids were opened on September 9, 2014 by hosting municipality Doylestown Borough. The lowest bidder was Morton Salt, Inc. at \$57.57 per ton delivered. Morton Salt Inc and International Salt Co. had merged at the beginning of September 2014, which should have no impact on the Township. Ms. Benner stated that Public Works Superintendent Wayne Fultz recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder Morton Salt Inc.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved, to award the 2014-2015 Salt Contract to the lowest bidder, Morton Salt, Inc. at \$57.57 per ton delivered.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items: Release of Escrow #3 of \$14,357.00 (demolition only) for Pine Valley Crossing Associates, L.P.; and Release of Legal and Engineering escrow of \$10,000.00 for Schmidt Baking Company, 141 Liberty Lane, TMP #26-001-100-018.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mr. Cotton stated that he had noticed that PennDOT started some road maintenance on Barry Road and that there were signs around stating to be aware of potholes ahead. He expressed his concern that if potholes on PennDOT roads were not fixed before winter, the roads could become worse.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. McConomy ZHB: Ms. Benner stated that on October 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board would consider the application of Dennis McConomy, 101 Janton Way, TMP #26-011-082 in the SR-1 (Suburban Residential) Zoning District. The applicant proposed a storage shed accessory structure (use H2) on a property with an existing single-family detached dwelling, and sought variances from Zoning Ordinance Sections 27-702 (c)(2) and 27-2108(c) to permit the storage shed to be located within the minimum 15-foot setback from the rear of the property dwelling. The Board stated that they had no recommendations for the Zoning Hearing Board.

11.2. Authorization for Appraisal of Right-of-Way Acquisition; Authorization to Prepare Documents for Condemnation of Right-of-Way: Ms. Benner stated that the Township needed additional right-of-way and a temporary construction easement from a resident in order to move forward with the replacement of the New Galena Road Bridge. Ms. Benner reported that the Township Manager requested authorization to purchase an appraisal of the needed right-of-way for acquisition, as well as authorization to prepare documents for possible condemnation of the right-of-way.

Mr. Scanzillo stated that he would like staff to reach out to the homeowner again to see if the required easement could be obtained before having to condemn.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board gave authorization for procuring an appraisal of right-of-way, and authorization to prepare documents for possible condemnation of right-of-way, contingent on staff contacting the homeowner again to try and obtain the required right-of-way without condemnation.

11.3. Resolution #2014-23, Correcting the 2014 Budget: Ms. Benner stated that the proposed resolution would correct a typographical error in the 2014 Budget that would move the funding and expense for the New Galena Road Bridge project incorrectly placed in Fund 18, and correctly move the funding and expense to Fund 20.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution #2014-23, correcting a clerical error in the 2014 Budget.

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: There were no comments at this time.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated September 29, 2014 for \$79,365.41:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 29, 2014 for \$79,365.41.

15.2. Bills List dated October 3, 2014 for \$607,968.00.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated October 3, 2014 for \$607,968.00.

16. Adjournment:

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

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John A. Bodden, Sr., Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager