

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2009**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 8, 2009, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Robert V. Cotton, Chairman, John Bodden, Vice Chairman, Helen B. Haun, William Jones and Jim Scanzillo. Also present were: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; John Rice, Solicitor; and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Cotton called the Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Cotton led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Cotton announced there was an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and land acquisition.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2009 Board of Supervisor meeting:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 28, 2009 Board of Supervisor Meeting.

6. **Consideration of Old Business:** None.

7. **Consideration of New Business:**

**7.1. New Britain Developers Petition to Amend OP Zoning District:** Solicitor Rice summarized the applicants petition to add a number of uses to the OP zoning district. Solicitor Rice also reviewed the Bucks County Planning Commission's review letter as well as the New Britain Township Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to deny the petition.

Mrs. Haun commented the Board has always been reluctant to change zoning. Mr. Jones commented although the petition requests certain uses, the Planning Commission would like to perform a thorough review of the OP District. Mr. Jones doesn't think a gas station would be advantageous to that area.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden the Board denied the petition to add uses to the OP district.

Mr. Jim Morano, Chapman Road applauded the Board's decision and asked whether the applicant has the right to appeal the decision. Solicitor Rice indicated there is no right to appeal a zoning change request – it is discretionary.

**7.2. Resolution 2009-12; Amend Resolution 2009-07; Schedule of Fees:** Ms. Bradley outlined the recommended fee schedule increases, explaining most are related to escrows required for sub-division and land development.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board approved Resolution 2009-12 amending the official schedule of fees.

**7.3. Accept Bids for Municipal Equipment:** Ms. Bradley outlined the bids posted on Munic/bid. Items for sale were posted on May 12 and the closing date for bids was June 3. Ms. Bradley informed the Board the Dodge Pick-up received a bid of \$1510, the GMC Pick-up received a bid of \$3550 and the Police Interceptor received a bid of \$1300. Ms. Bradley recommended the Board accept the bids.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board accepted the bids for the posted vehicles and authorized Ms. Bradley to transfer title once payment is received.

7.4. **Consent Agenda:**

- a.) **Escrow Release to NBBP Lot 16B in the amount of \$12,081.00**
- b.) **Escrow Release to KEMA Powertest Inc. in the amount of \$66,510.00**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

7.5. **Discussion; Intergovernmental Agreement for legal services; Stormwater regulatory support:**

Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the Township had received a Stormwater General Permit from DEP in 2003. The permit allows the township to discharge stormwater runoff to surface waters. It also requires

municipalities to develop, implement and enforce a stormwater management program. DEP has recently published draft requirements for the next permit period. They are accepting public comments on the draft requirements until July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Bucks County Consortium is proposing to hire Steve Hann, an environmental attorney, to prepare comments in response to DEP's draft requirements. The Consortium will cover the cost of the initial prepared comments. Ms. Bradley recommends we join with other members of the Consortium to hire Steve Hahn.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board authorized participation in the Intermunicipal Agreement to hire Steve Hann to prepare comments in response to DEP's proposed storm water regulations.

#### **7.6. Appoint Mr. William Malone, Commander VFW to Veteran's Memorial Committee:**

Mr. William Malone has expressed a desire to be a member of the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board appointed Mr. William Malone to the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

#### **8. Board of Supervisors Comments:**

Mr. Cotton informed the Board he attended the Route 202 Executive Committee meeting last week and the TMA Annual Meeting. The status of the Route 202 Parkway and the proposed new gasoline tax was discussed respectively.

#### **9. Township Administration Comments:**

**9.1. Air Quality Partnership:** Ms. Bradley informed the Board that New Britain Township has been invited to become a member of the Air Quality Partnership, an organization that promotes improving air quality in the Delaware Valley.

**9.2. LED Street Lights:** Ms. Kichline informed the Board an Energy Grant has been submitted by New Britain Township for the conversion of 77 street lights to LED.

**9.3. Pheasant Run Playground:** Ms. Bradley requested a disbursement of \$3000+ from the Park and Recreation fund to cover the replacement cost of a swing set and slide that our insurance company recommends we replace.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board approved the purchase of a swing and slide for installation at Pheasant Run Park.

**9.4. Constant Contact:** Ms. Bradley recommended to the Board we purchase software that allows us to send an email newsletter, survey and allow residents to sign up to get notifications. Based on an e-mail list of 0-500, our fee would be \$15 per month. Ms. Bradley indicated this concept is in line with our customer service philosophy.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden the Board approved the software for the Constant Contact package.

**9.5. Traffic Signal Mylar for Rt. 152 & Upper State Road:** Ms. Bradley presented the Mylar for the traffic signal at Rt. 152 & Upper State Road and suggested Gilmore and Associates review prior to signature.

**9.6. Bristol Road Extension:** Ms. Bradley informed the Board of a meeting that was held earlier this week with representatives of the Bucks County Planning Commission, Chalfont and New Britain boroughs with regard to assembling support for the Bristol Road extension project. Ms. Bradley indicated all three municipalities steadfastly support this project.

**10. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:** Mr. Kennard gave a brief outline of the land development and subdivisions under review.

Mr. Rice informed the Board NB Funding Company (Reserve at New Britain) has not completed many punch list items and recommends the Board declare default of the Developers and Completion Agreements in order for the township to direct the work to be done.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board declared NB Funding Company in default of the Developers and Completion Agreements and directed the Solicitor to notify NB funding company of this action.

**10.1. Conditional Use Hearing for Metro PCS:** Solicitor Rice scheduled a Conditional Use Hearing for Metro PCS to install a wireless communication antenna to an existing tower at property owned by North Wales Water Authority. The hearing was scheduled for June 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

**11. Other Business:** None

**12. Public Comment:** None

**13. Payment of Bills: Bill List dated June 3, 2009 in the amount of \$54,729.14:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board authorized the payment of bills.

**14. Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Robert V. Cotton, Chair

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John A. Bodden, Vice-Chair

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James Scanzillo., Member

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Helen B. Haun, Member

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William B. Jones, Member

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

