

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2013**

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:05 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members Helen B. Haun and John A. Bodden. Member William B. Jones, III was absent. 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 prior to this meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, land preservation and litigation (26 Teresa Lane and 1210 Swamp Road).
4. **Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment at this time.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
- 5.1. **Minutes of August 5, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden and carried unanimously, to approve the August 5, 2013 Minutes as written.

6. **Departmental Reports:** Ms. Bradley reviewed the following monthly Reports for July 2013: Public Works Report. Chief Scafidi reviewed the July 2013 Police Department Report.

7. **Consideration of Old Business:**

- 7.1. **Proposed Right-of-Way Ordinance:** Mr. Rice reviewed the proposed ordinance, amending the current Right-of-Way Ordinance to allow for new technologies in wireless communication devices.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance #2013-09-01, amending Chapter 21, Streets and Sidewalks, Part 3, Right-of-Way Management, , modifying the exemptions provisions for permissible uses within Township Rights-of-Way.

8. **Consideration of New Business:**

- 8.1. **Budget 2014 Discussion:** Ms. Bradley highlighted some current budgetary issues and requested input on the purchase of mandatory radios. The Township could purchase the radios outright, or use County financing of 1.5% over seven years.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and carried unanimously to apply for County financing at 1.5% over seven years.

9. **Consent Agenda:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items: Professional Services Agreement for John Antonucci, 401 Upper Stump Road, TMP #26-003-062-005, for construction of a single-family home; Final Release of Letter of Credit for BuxMont Medical Properties, LLC, 1200 Manor Drive.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun stated that the North Branch Watershed Association would conduct a stream cleanup event on Saturday, September 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 beginning at the Creekside Tavern in Chalfont. Volunteers were welcome. The Public Works Department would pick up trash containers on Monday morning.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1., 11.2. Resolution 2013-18, Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation: Resolution 2013-19, Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation: Ms. Bradley presented documentation of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) required to be paid into the two employee pension plans for FY 2014.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried to accept and authorize budgeting and payment of the 2014 Police Pension Plan MMO for \$232,820.00 as Resolution 2013-18; and the 2014 Non-Uniform Pension Plan MMO for \$62,234.00 as Resolution 2013-19.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:

12.1. 1210 Swamp Road: Mr. Rice stated that the owner of 1210 Swamp Road was in violation of Zoning and Building Codes for constructing a barn without proper land development and permits. He advised filing an injunction with the Court to stop further construction.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried to authorize Mr. Rice to take the necessary action to file an injunction against Gary Diehl, 1210 Swamp Road, TMP #26-012-059-005.

12.2. Assessment Appeals, Quad Graphics, 4371 County Line Road: Mr. Rice notified the Board that Quad Graphics, formerly Vertis/Webcraft, had filed an Assessment Appeal and was scheduled for a hearing on September 19, 2013. It was his recommendation that he appear to protect Township interests and present testimony on the value of the property.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried to authorize Mr. Rice to appear at the Quad Graphics Assessment Appeal hearing to protect Township interests and present testimony on the value of the property.

13. Other Business: Ms. Bradley noted that two Supervisors could not attend the September 16 Regular Meeting. As there was presently no business, she suggested that the meeting be cancelled.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried to cancel the September 16, 2013 Meeting.

14. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated August 23, 2013 for \$374,739.44:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 23, 2013 for \$374,739.44.

15.2. Bills List dated September 3, 2013 for \$3,152.41:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Boddien, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 3, 2013 for \$3,152.41.

15.3. Bills List dated September 5, 2013 for \$64,446.96:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 5, 2013 for \$64,446.96.

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 9:50 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr. Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager