

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2012**

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Vice Chair A. James Scanzillo, Members John A. Bodden, Robert V. Cotton and Helen B. Haun. Chair William B. Jones III was absent. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor John 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 8:30 a.m. to discuss litigation issues.
- 4. Public Comment:** Mr. Robert Goldman of Barner Road stated some residents in attendance that would like to discuss the proposed OP District changes. Mr. Scanzillo stated that the OP District was not on the Agenda, but he would allow discussion.

Mr. Goldman stated that he had heard rumors that a Wawa (a J19 Use) was proposed along Route 313 in the OP District, asked what the status of the proposal was, and indicated that no one in that area wants a Wawa to be built. Mr. Scanzillo explained that there was no proposal of any kind before the Board. The Township had been considering changes to the OP District for over a year, and were still working on a draft ordinance. Mr. Bodden added that the Board of Supervisors would not make any changes without notifying the public.

Ms. Deb Rendon pointed out that both the Bucks County Planning Commission and the New Britain Township Planning Commission did not recommend adding the J19 Use for the OP District.

Mr. Jim Morano of Chapman Road asked if any Board members opposed removing the J19 Use. Mrs. Haun stated that she was not opposed to the Use.

Mr. Rice reminded the audience that the proposed amendment was not advertised for adoption and that the Board would continue to look at all comments.

Mr. Dave Opperman of King Road asked if there was a timeline for changes to the OP District. Mr. Scanzillo explained that there was no timeline; it would take as long as needed to make sure that it was done correctly.

Roberto Rendon stated that the meeting was poorly advertised and that it was hard to find out what time the meeting was at and what was on the agenda. Ms. Bradley explained that a new server was installed the week prior to the meeting which caused their system to be down for awhile and also apologized for the information not being readily available. Deb Rendon stated that J19 was not recommended by the Planning Commission. Mr. Rice stated that the Township has to provide for all uses in the Township and that the Board is looking at possibly moving the OP district around. However, nothing has been advertised to make the changes. When the Board is ready to make decisions they will hold a Public Hearing and advertise the hearing to the public. Susan Donahue Kolterman stated that she doesn't want Route 313 to end up like Route 202.

Ms. Beth Taylor of Callowhill Road stated that she would like to discuss the intersection of Callowhill Road and New Galena Road and her concern about the safety of the intersection. Ms. Bradley stated that Callowhill Road and part of New Galena Road are PennDOT highways. The remaining portion of New Galena Road is owned by Bucks County. The Township has no jurisdiction regarding that intersection. Ms. Bradley would, however, send a letter to PennDOT requesting they investigate the possibility of safety improvements at the intersection.

Ms. Susan Donahue Kolterman of Cassandra Drive shared pictures of crack sealing on Cassandra Drive and stated that the crack sealing is sticking to vehicles and therefore being drug on to individual's yards and into their homes. She would like something to be done so that this does not continue to happen. Ms. Bradley stated that Public Works department will take a look at the situation and see what they can do.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1. Minutes from August 20, 2012 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 20, 2012 Minutes as written.

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

7. Consideration of Old Business:

7.1. Video Sharing Agreement and Authorization Resolution #2012-15: Ms. Bradley stated that this resolution is for the 202 IT project and asks the Board to authorize execution.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of Video Sharing Agreement and Authorization Resolution #2012-15.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Resolution #2012-12 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniform Pension Plan: Resolution states the \$65,577.00 minimum Municipal obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution #2012-12 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniform Pension.

8.2. Resolution #2012-13 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Uniform Pension Plan: Resolution states the \$229,087 minimum Municipal obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution #2012-13 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Uniform Pension.

8.3. Resolution #2012-14 adopting changes to the Articles of Incorporation for North Penn Water Authority by extending the Authority's life by fifty years: Ms. Bradley explained that because we are member of the Authority we need to approve the changes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution #2012-14 adopting changes to the Articles of Incorporation for North Penn Water Authority by extending the Authority's life by fifty years

8.4. Lenape Properties: stated that they have preliminary approval from the Planning Commission but would like to discuss the parking and traffic flow with the Board of Supervisors. Lenape Properties is looking to have trucks turn left out of their parking lot onto Schoolhouse Road, turn left onto Trewigtown Road, and then Left on New Britain Boulevard. Lenape Properties had met with Mark 1 Restorations to see if they could run a driveway from New Britian Boulevard to through their property to Lenape's property, but Mark 1 Restoration does not want to do that. Since the truck route would be on Schoolhouse Road, Lenape Properties would be doing road improvements to Schoolhouse road, in addition to widening the turning radius at the intersection of Schoolhouse and Trewigtown Road. Lenape Properties would like to put parking lot spaces in reserve until there is a tenant. The property is to be single ownership not condo's. If in the future the property goes condo, then the plan would go back before the PC and BOS to make sure there is enough parking spaces. Mr. Kennard stated that a response letter should sent to the planning commission.

9. Consent Agenda: MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items: West Branch Park Improvement Contract payment Release #1 for \$72,360.00, with \$92,331 remaining on the contract; Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement Grant of easement for TMP #26-003-076-004, 190 Callowhill Road, owned by Mr. and Mr.s Ryan A Hegna, related to installation of a swimming pool.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mr. Cotton stated that the parkway opening might be delayed until November 2012. Mrs. Haun stated that stream clean up will be held on September 15, 2012 in Plumstead Township.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Girish Lalwani ZHB: Ms. Bradley stated that on September 20 at 7:00pm the ZHB will consider the application of Girish Lalwani for the property at 116 Cambridge Place, New Britain Walk, TMP # 26-009-414. The applicant seeks a variance to allow projection of a patio into the side yard setback.

11.2. Preliminary Budget Discussion: Ms. Bradley stated that the Preliminary Budget will be discussed at the October Worksession. We are currently at 98% in Real Estate Taxes, \$100,000 ahead in EIT, \$50,000 ahead in LST, and the Building permits are in line with the budget and we should see an influx by year end. We are 10% ahead in revenue at the end of August and 10% down in expenses.

11.3. Veterans Park Sign: Ms. Bradley stated that the Veterans Committee has received a design for the Veterans Park sign and shared the design with the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the Veterans Park Sign.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Rice reported that he is working on the Right of Way Ordinance and on Cell Towers in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kennard brought to the Boards attention that other municipalities have been having problems with approval on road projects for liquid fuels. Penndot has been questioning the forms that are completed for road projects and liquid fuels.

13. Other Business: There was no Other Business.

14. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated September 4, 2012 for \$1,848.10:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 4, 2012 for \$1,848.10.

15.2. Bills List dated September 7, 2012 for \$401,397.44:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 7, 2012 for \$401,397.44. This includes \$55,000 for health insurance and \$236,000 for the road program.

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 10:25 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

William B. Jones, Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Member

John A. Bodden, Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager