

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2011**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair William B. Jones, and Members Jack Bodden, and Robert V. Cotton. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor John Rice and Township Engineer Craig Kennard.

1. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Haun called the Meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Haun led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** There were no announcements from the Chair.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.
5. **Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2011 Public Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of April 4, 2011 were approved as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Service Awards: Service awards were presented to Police Officers J. Parker Bullard and Shawn Knight for their dedicated 20 years of service. A service award was also presented to Scott Ambron for his dedicated 10 years of service.

6.2. Police Department Report: Chief Robert Scafidi provided the Board with the Police Department Report for February 2011.

7. Old Business:

7.1. Chalfont –New Britain Township Joint Sewer Authority: Appearing for the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewer Authority (CNBTJSA) was Executive Director John Schmidt, Chairman Joseph Bonner, Board Member Gustave Haun, and Engineer Joe Nolan. CNBTJSA reported that the installation of new interceptor sewer lines near Cedar Hill Road is complete. Paving of Cedar Hill Road should commence within the next week. Site restoration will be completed once the ground is dry.

Mr. Schmidt also reported that the plant expansion should go out to bid before the end of the 2011, with construction taking about one year to complete, giving them a completion date by the end of 2012 to mid 2013. The expansion will give the plant an approximate 15% increase in capacity, or an additional 1,500 EDU's. The additional EDU's include all the residential units in the Reserves of New Britain that are temporarily hooked up through Hatfield Sewer Authority and will be switched over to CNBTJSA once the expansion is completed. Mr. Schmidt stated that once the expansion is complete, the Board of Supervisors should consider which areas in the Act 537 Plan might be connected to public sewer in the near future.

Mr. Schmidt also stated that they are removing a pump station from a property on Mallard Drive owned by CNBTJSA and asked the Township for input on what they would like to see done with the site.

7.2. Bridge Renovation/Reconstruction Update: Ms. Bradley stated that Johnson Mirmiran and Thompson (JMT) structural engineers had submitted a cost estimate for the next phase of structural analysis, design and permitting work for replacement/renovation of the New Galena Bridge. Options include replacing the entire bridge or replacing only the superstructure of the bridge. The proposed cost for JMT services is \$175,000, which would include public meetings, reports, design, analysis, and permits. Mr. Kennard said they would be overseeing the project, which should help bring the cost down somewhat, as the Township Engineer's office can complete certain items themselves. Mr. Bodden suggested that we see if using box culverts would be a possibility. Ms. Bradley added that she would contact the County to see if cost sharing was a possibility, as New Galena Road is the main entrance to Peace Valley Park.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the authorization of additional structural analysis and design work by JMT of the New Galena Bridge, and requested contacting the County about contributing toward the cost.

8. New Business:

8.1. Ordinance 2011-04-03; Amending Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Use H6 – Solar Energy Systems: Mr. Rice stated that the ordinance had been advertised for Public Hearing, logged at the Bucks County Law Library, and was ready for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Rice reported that the ordinance was also reviewed by our Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) and that their comments had been incorporated. The ordinance sets regulations on the placement and use of solar energy systems.

Mr. Robert Showalter of Showalter and Associates and Old Iron Hill Road stated that he doubts residents would install solar panels due to the restrictions.

MOTION: Upon closing of the Public Hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance # 2011-04-03; Amending Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Use H6.

8.2. Ordinance 2011-04-04; Amending Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Use H7 – Wind Energy Conversion Systems: Mr. Rice stated that the ordinance had been advertised for Public Hearing, logged at the Bucks County Law Library, was reviewed by our Planning Commission and the BCPC, and was ready for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Rice stated that ordinance sets regulations on the placement and use of residential wind energy systems and commercial wind energy conversion systems under Use L6.

Mr. Showalter stated that he believes that wind energy systems will take away from the appearance of properties in the Watershed (WS) District.

MOTION: Upon closing of the Public Hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Wind Energy Systems Ordinance # 2011-04-04; Amending Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Use H7.

8.3. Public Works Workplace Safety Manual Adoption: Ms. Bradley stated that there currently is not a written manual in place and that the proposed manual reflects the policies that are currently in practice. The

manual is based on insurance carrier suggestions and has been vetted by Mr. Rice and Public Works Superintendent Wayne Fultz.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Public Works Workplace Safety Manual.

9. Board of Supervisors Reports: Mr. Cotton stated that there are some potholes at the Genuardi's Shopping Center by the Mc Donald's entrance that have not been taken care of by the management company and would like the Township to contact them to have this issue resolved.

Mr. Cotton requested a donation be made to North Penn Goodwill for \$100.00 for their help at a recent fire in the Township.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a donation of \$100 to North Penn Goodwill.

Mr. Cotton reported that he has noticed multiple vehicles exiting the CVS onto Route 202 through the entrance. Mr. Cotton suggested that we should put signage up to indicate that the road is one way. Mr. Kennard stated that the CVS entrances and exits are private property, and that PADOT would be the enforcement agency on properties along Route 202. He would contact PADOT.

10. Township Administration Comments: There was no Township Administration Comments.

11. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Kennard reported that some municipalities are fighting the new Stormwater Management requirements instituted by Bucks County for small projects less than 1,000 square feet. The BCPC would review the small projects criteria. Mr. Kennard stated that Doylestown Borough is currently in talks with Lynn Bush from the BCPC to discuss the problems they have with specific requirements. Mr. Kennard said he would keep the Township updated on any changes that might come up, but believes that the Stormwater Management Ordinance passed at the last meeting is sufficient to comply with County requirements.

12. Other Business: Mr. Jones reported that the Township held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 9, 2011 and that it was well received by the public.

13. Payment of Bills: List dated 04/08/11 for \$22,176.28.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated 04/08/11 for \$22,176.28.

14. Public Comment: Mr. Showalter asked if an applicant could request a waiver from requirements of the new Stormwater Management Ordinance. Mr. Rice stated that the Board of Supervisors would be the body to consider and possibly issue a waiver from any requirements.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Meeting at 10:40 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Helen B. Haun, Chair

William B. Jones, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

John A. Bodden, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager