

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
July 12, 2010**

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 12, 2010, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Jack Bodden, Chairman; Helen Haun, Vice Chairman; William B. Jones, Robert Cotton and A. James Scanzillo, Members. Also present were: Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Robert Scafidi, Police Chief; Susan Federsel, Treasurer; and John Rice, Solicitor.

1. Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bodden called the Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcements from the Chair: Mr. Bodden informed the public that there will be an Executive Session at the conclusion of today's meeting to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 28, Board of Supervisors Meeting:

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the June 28, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Ordinance 2010-07-01; Sign Ordinance: Ms. Kichline presented to the Board an ordinance amending Chapter 27 related to sign deposits and adding a section related to temporary signs requiring a permit. The proposed ordinance was properly advertised and reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Committee and the New Britain Township Planning Commission. Solicitor Rice opened the hearing. Mr. Bodden called for public comment. Ms. Myra Savich of Creek Road asked for clarification regarding a deposit for temporary real estate signs. Ms. Kichline commented that Article II, Section A refers to real estate directional signs for events such as an open house and not real estate signs offering a property for sale. Ms. Susan Gross of Upper Church Road thanked the Board for removing the provisions dealing with agricultural signs. Mrs. Leslie Bilotta, President of the New Britain Township Business Alliance thanked the Board and staff for their cooperation, help and support in the development of this ordinance amendment. Mr. Bodden commented that the Board of Supervisors has always supported the community businesses and cares very much for the aesthetics of the commercial district.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 2010-07-01 relating to signs.

6. Presentation by PECO of Green Region Grant Award: Mr. Ted Dorand of PECO Energy and Ms. Diane Rosencrance of Natural Lands Trust presented a check to the Board of Supervisors for the successful award of a PECO Green Energy Grant for design work on the Cedar Hill Road Trail. Mr. Bodden accepted the check on behalf of the Board. Mr. Cotton thanked PECO for having grant opportunities available to the community.

7. State of the CNBTJSA Bi-Annual Meeting: Representatives of the Chalfont-NBT Joint Sewage Authority were present, including John Schmidt, Executive Director and Gustave Haun, Preston Campbell and Joseph Bonner, Board Members. Mr. Schmidt informed the Board that the West Branch Interceptor Project is on a summer hiatus and construction will resume after Labor Day. Mr. Schmidt inquired whether the Cedar Hill Trail project will conflict with work being done. The Board informed him that the actual construction work will not begin until next spring. Mr. Schmidt also informed the Board of the replacement of the ultra violet system, the elimination of pump station #1 and #5 near Sellersville Rd., and the probability of finalizing the agreements for the plant capacity.

8. Bi-Annual State of the Township Report: Ms. Kichline reviewed the State of the Township Report as prepared by Ms. Bradley. The report is on file with the Township Manager. Mrs. Haun commended the staff on their efforts to hold the line on expenses.

9. Execution of 2010-2013 Police Contract: Ms. Kichline presented the 2010-2013 Police Contract to the Board for signature. The contract has been amended based on the recent Act 111 arbitration award.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the execution of the 2010-2013 Police Contract as presented.

10. EMA Mutual Aid Update: Act 93 of 2008 was reviewed with the Board. This law establishes a statewide system of mutual aid under the auspices of PEMA. John Rice will review further. Mr. Cotton also suggested a committee be established to develop guidelines for the request for fire police assistance. Mr. Bodden suggested the committee be composed of Mr. Cotton, Mrs. Haun, Ms. Bradley and Ms. Kichline.

11. Police Facility Renovations Cost Estimate Proposal: Ms. Kichline provided the Board with two sketch plans submitted by Donovan for the renovations to the Police Department. Option #1 includes a 2,200 s.f. addition, secure holding areas, sally port and processing area. Option #2 is renovation to the existing interior space which allows for the phasing in of the addition. The proposal before the Board is for Donovan to prepare cost estimates of the project. It includes a site review to create detailed plans.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the proposal provided by Donovan and directed staff to move forward with obtaining a cost estimate for the project.

12. Ordinance 2010-07-02: Pet Resort Amendment: Ordinance 2010-07-02 adding a new A13 Pet Resort use by conditional use in the IO Industrial Office Zoning District was presented to the Board. Mr. Bodden opened the hearing. Mr. Rice informed the Board that the ordinance was properly advertised and has been reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Commission and the New Britain Township Planning Commission. Mr. Bodden further stated that staff has done extensive research prior to presentation to the Board.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 2010-07-02 amending Chapter 27, Part 3 adding a new A13 Pet Resort use by conditional use in the IO Industrial Office Zoning District.

13. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun informed the Board that the North Penn Water Authority has entered into an agreement to conserve energy during peak hours of operation.

Mr. Bodden thanked the New Britain Township Business Alliance with their help in developing the amendment to the sign ordinance.

Mr. Cotton reported that a Rt. 202 Status Report has been issued. There is a water main in Warrington that has to be relocated. Mr. Cotton also reported that there will be a detour on County Line Road from June 23 through June 25th. There will be bridgework on the upper bridge by the Roadway facility.

14. Administration Comments:

14.1. Veteran's Committee Fundraising Events: A list of proposed fundraising events was presented by the Veteran's committee. Mr. Rice suggested the Board do not approve the Bingo night until he has an opportunity to review the small games of chance requirements.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board approved fundraising events #2, #3 and #4 as presented. The Board agreed not to act on the Bingo night until Mr. Rice renders an opinion.

15. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: None

16. Payment of Bills: Bills list for \$55,218.42:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the bills list in the amount of \$55,218.42 as presented.

17. Executive Session: Mr. Bodden announced an Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters.

18. Adjournment: Being not further business, and upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John A. Bodden, Chair

Helen B. Haun, Vice-Chair

James Scanzillo., Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager

