

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2011**

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:05 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair William B. Jones, and Members Jim Scanzillo, John A. Bodden and Robert V. Cotton. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Engineer Craig Kennard and Township Solicitor John Rice.

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:** Mrs. Haun announced that an Executive Session was held at 8:00 a.m. prior to the meeting to discuss Litigation, Land Preservation and Personnel issues.
4. **Public Comment:** Ms. Debbie Crosman of Sellersville Road asked if Township advertisements could be published in the Township newsletter or on the website in addition to *the Intelligencer*. Ms. Bradley said she would research the cost of an additional web page. Ms. Crosman also asked about the Tower Hill development and whether the storm drains were marked to prevent pollution. Mr. Fultz said that all storm drains in the Township had markers on the top, stating that they drain to the drinking water supply. He would check to see that tower Hill had the markers still intact.

5. **Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2011 Public Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of August 15, 2011 were approved as written.

6. **Departmental Reports:**

6.1. **Code Department:** Mr. Teschner presented the Code Report for July 2011.

7. **Old Business: None**

7.1. **Lenape Valley Recreation Council Lease Agreement:** LVRC had executed a Lease Agreement to install an irrigation system on the softball and baseball fields at North Branch Park

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved execution of the LVRC Lease Agreement.

7.2. **Regional Police Letter of Intent and Resolution 2011-17:** As discussed at prior meetings, Ms. Bradley noted that in order to proceed with a feasibility study for regionalization of Police services with surrounding municipalities, the Township would need to execute a Letter of Intent for DCED to include New Britain Township in the study.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution by the Manager of a Letter of Intent for DCED to participate in a

Regional Police Services study with Doylestown Township and Borough, New Britain Borough and Plumstead Township.

Additionally, the existing Regional Police Study Committee asked that the Township pass a resolution authorizing participation in the Committee and assigning members for representation. The Committee was requesting participation by the Police Chief, Manager and one elected official.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution #2011-17, authorizing participation in the Regional Police Study Committee.

8. New Business:

8.1. Acceptance of Resignation:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation as a Police Officer of Glen D. Golembeski.

8.2. Ordinance #2011-09-01: Firearms in Public Parks: Mr. Rice presented an ordinance amending the Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance to bring the ordinance in compliance with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes known as the Uniform Firearms Act by allowing firearms within the park system under the terms of the Act.

Ms. Crosman asked if the ordinance would allow hunters onto her land. Mrs. Haun explained that the ordinance only applied to Township-owned property.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance #2011-09-01, amending the Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance to bring the ordinance in compliance with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes known as the Uniform Firearms Act by allowing firearms within the park system under the terms of the Act.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following items: New Britain Business Park Lot #1 Maintenance Bond Final Bond Release; and Shrine Escrow Releases totaling \$70,175.03.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mr. Cotton reported that a meeting was held on Friday August 12 at the Township to further the Bristol Road Extension project. In attendance at the meeting was State Representative Kathy Watson, and representatives from the offices of Lieutenant Governor Cawley, State Senator Chuck McIlhinney, Chalfont and New Britain Boroughs. There is currently no money for this project but focus should remain on keeping the Bristol Road Extension on the County and State Transportation Improvement Projects lists.

Mrs. Haun stated that the North Branch Watershed Association had rescheduled the stream cleanup with Groveland Elementary School in Plumstead to Saturday, September 17 due to the recent flooding. The Association had also applied for a stream restoration grant that New Britain Township supported.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. 2012 Budget: Ms. Bradley noted that work had begun on the 2012 Budget. Staff would be meeting with Department Heads to determine expenses for next year.

11.2. 2012 Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligations: Ms. Bradley stated that the Pension Plan Actuary had issued statements for the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police Pension Plan totaling \$228,878.00.

11.3. 2012 Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligations: Ms. Bradley also stated that the Pension Plan Actuary had issued statements for the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan totaling \$72,034.00.

MOTION: By motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2012 Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation and the 2012 Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation totaling \$300,912.00.

11.4. Bucks Tax Collection Committee Update on Delinquent Collections: Ms. Bradley reported that the Bucks TCC had issued a letter to Berkheimer Associates requesting turnover of all records to Keystone Collections Group for 2010 and prior years, as Keystone would now be the delinquent tax collector for the TCC member jurisdictions. Additionally, the Bucks TCC also passed their Budget for 2012, which required no member assessments for the second year in a row.

11.5. Upcoming Zoning Hearings: Ms. Bradley noted that in addition to the Zoning Hearings scheduled for September 15 (which included Skyline Tavern and 1600 Horizon Drive Applications), the Zoning Hearing Board would hear two additional Applications at a hearing scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

11.5.a. Gawronski Zoning Application: Joseph and Mary Gawronski of 14 Tower Hill Road (RR District), TMP #26-021-058, improved with a single-family home (Cluster Use B2), were seeking a variance to install a swimming pool in the front/side yard setbacks of a corner lot. Ms. Bradley recommended that the Township offer no opinion to the Zoning Hearing Board.

11.5.b. Detweiler Zoning Application: Samuel Detweiler of 711 New Galena Road (WS District), TMP #26-003-135-002, improved with a single family home and accessory barn (Use H2), was seeking a variance to allow an accessory structure that will board horses in the front yard. Alternatively, the Applicant seeks a variance to install and operate a Riding Academy (Use A10) on a lot less than 10 acres, and within the front yard setback; and seeking a variance to conduct more than one principle use on a lot. It was agreed that the Township Manager would appear at the hearing to protect the interests of the Township.

12. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: Mr. Rice reported that he would be appearing before the Zoning Hearing Board on September 15 to represent the Township's interests in the Skyline Tavern and 1600 Horizon Drive Applications.

13. Other Business: There was no other business at this time.

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

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Payment of Bills: List dated 09/01/11 for \$140,509.57

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 1, 2011 for \$140,509.57.

15.2. Payment of Bills: List dated 09/02/11 for \$86,971.39

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated September 2, 2011 for \$86,971.39.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:25 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