

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2008**

A regular meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 13, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Chair; Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair; and members John A. Bodden, Sr.; Helen B. Haun and William B. Jones. Also present were: Eileen Bradley, Township Manager, Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager, John B. Rice, Solicitor; and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Scanzillo welcomed Ms. Eileen Bradley, Township Manager, to her first meeting.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the September 29, 2008 Board of Supervisors work session:**

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 29th, 2008 work session as written.

6. **Consideration of Old Business:** None

7. Consideration of New Business:

7.1. R.A.P. Group Home: Ms. Donna Cimino was present to summarize a proposal to transition the R.A.P. Home from a home for girls to a recovery house for men recovering from drug and/or alcohol addiction. Ms. Cimino presented information describing recovery houses from the Bucks County Recovery House Association and a letter from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission indicating a need for this type of facility in Central Bucks. The Board indicated they will need an interpretation from the Zoning Officer as to whether the use would still be considered C4 Group Home. The Board also directed the Township Manager and Chief of Police to check with officials of any other municipality these types of facilities are located. Ms. Cimino was informed she may need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to request a special exception.

7.2. Award 2008-2009 Consortium Salt Bid: Bids were opened and publicly read for the 2008-2009 Salt Bid on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The bids were advertised on August 22 and August 28, 2008. Wayne Futlz recommends awarding the 2008-2009 Salt Bid to Cargill Inc. for the price of \$65.55 per ton.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden and seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved awarding the salt bid to Cargill Salt for the price of \$65.55 per ton.

7.3. Request for Sewage Capacity Approval; 86 Cedar Hill Rd., TMP #26-5-15-4: A request for an emergency EDU was received with correspondence from Crossland Excavation and Bucks County Department of Health supporting the need to tap in to the public sewer system.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the emergency EDU subject to the technical aspects of this connection.

7.4 Authorization to conduct appraisal:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved conducting appraisals on a property along Walters Road for open space purchases and another property located on New Galena Road for land acquisition.

8. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mr. Cotton informed the Board and audience the Rt. 202 project is moving along. The bids for the first section will be awarded at the end of October with a possible groundbreaking in December.

9. Township Administration Comments: Ms. Bradley and Ms. Kichline had agenda items for discussion.

10. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: Solicitor Rice informed the Board he had a discussion with Bruce Goodman relating to the PennDot HOP and proposed work along the frontage of the developers property. Mr. Goodman will get cost estimates for the work requested by the township that includes pre-emption and hand/man signals as well as re-striping and pedestrian crosswalks. Once these cost estimates are received, Mr. Goodman may approach the Board to share in the cost of these proposed improvements. Mr. Kennard reminded the Board the Township just submitted application to the Safe Route to Schools for pedestrian access in this area. Mr. Jones suggested the Board be presented with a design plan and cost estimate in order for the Board to determine the extent of improvements and what the township would be willing to contribute.

11. Other Business:

11.1. Letter of Credit Reduction & Bond Reduction: Lot 22, New Britain Business Park.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden and seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board reduced the Letter of Credit and Bond for New Britain Business Park Lot 22 as authorized by the township engineer.

12. Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt were present to protest the installation of a 5' grass strip and 5' sidewalk along 240' of frontage of their property on Upper State Road. Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt questioned the need for a sidewalk that abruptly ends in the middle of a neighboring property. Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt understand the need for ROW for the widening of Upper State Road but questioned the need for a 32' right-of-way for sidewalks. Mr. Schmidt informed the Board he has spoken with PennDot and it would be the township's decision to have the sidewalks removed or remain on the plan. The Board indicated it would take the Schmidt's comments under advisement and directed the Township Manager and Township Engineer to look into the need for a 32' ROW.

13. Payment of Bills:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden the Board unanimously approved the bills list dated October 1, 2088 in the amount of \$25,026.06.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones the Board unanimously approved the bills list dated October 10, 2008 in the amount of \$410,002.22.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and approved, the Board adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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, Member

Attest: _____
Cathy Kichline
Assistant Manager

Minutes approved on: _____