

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2009**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 14, 2009, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Robert V. Cotton, Chairman, Jack Bodden, Vice Chairman, William B. Jones, Helen B. Haun and James Scanzillo. Also present were: Eileen Bradley, Township Manager, Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Steve Moyer, Solicitor and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Cotton called the Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Cotton led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Cotton announced an Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss land acquisition, personnel and litigation issues.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2009 Board of Supervisor meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board approved the Minutes of the August 24, 2009 Board of Supervisor Meeting.

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

7.1. Vertis 3-Lot Subdivision: Mr. Greg Duffy, Esquire and Mr. Robert Showalter were present to represent the applicant. The applicant is proposing to subdivide 112 acres of land situated along County Line Road to the west, Schoolhouse Road to the east and is separated from Walnut Street on the north by railroad tracks. The plan indicates the applicant proposes to subdivide the property into 3 industrial lots. The applicant proposes no improvements on any lot at this time. Steve Moyer went over a preliminary/final plan approval memorandum outlining a number of conditions and waivers:

I. Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval Motion.

The Board of Supervisors can approve by motion the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plans prepared by Showalter & Associates, consisting of nine (9) sheets, dated December 9, 2008, last revised June 10, 2009, subject to the following Preliminary/Final Plan approval conditions:

1. Compliance with the Gilmore & Associates Review letter dated July 20, 2009;
2. Compliance with the Bucks County Planning Commission Review letter of July 1, 2009;
3. Requiring the addition of a plan note indicating that a shared access easement across Lot 1 to County Line shall be granted to the owners of Lots 2 and 3;
4. Requiring a plan note deed restricting all lots from creating any new access to Schoolhouse Road, other than emergency access. The Applicant shall also execute a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Conditions incorporating the restricted access from the lots to Schoolhouse Road;
5. Compliance with all other county, state and federal permitting requirements and/or rules, regulations and/or statutes;
6. Execution of Development Agreements/Financial Security Agreements, if required by the plan approval.

II. Waivers/Modifications.

In addition to the foregoing plan approval conditions, the following SALDO waivers are before the Board for approval:

1. Section 401.1 - as to a preliminary/final approval;
2. Section 502.A(1) - to permit the plan scale to exceed 1" = 50';

3. **Section 705.3.C, 706.1.B, 706.2.B and 707.1.A - as to road widening, curbs, stormwater facilities along both County Line Road and Schoolhouse Road for this application only. This waiver defers compliance of future land developments on any of the three lots and this deferral shall be added to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions;**
4. **Section 715.2 – as to park and recreation land for this application only;**
5. **Section 716 - requesting a partial waiver from placing concrete monuments within the stream bed.**

Mr. Duffy asked for clarification as to what items would be necessary to include in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. Mr. Moyer responded the restricted access to Schoolhouse Road and road and stormwater improvements along Schoolhouse Road will be included in the Covenants. Upon the satisfaction of the Board and the applicant, Mr. Moyer recommended the Board authorize the Solicitor to prepare a draft resolution granting preliminary/final approval with the abovementioned conditions and waivers.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board authorized the Solicitor to prepare a resolution granting preliminary/final approval with the conditions and waivers outlined for approval at the September 28th Board of Supervisors meeting.

7.2. 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police and Non-Uniform Pensions Plans: Ms. Bradley presented the 2010 MMO's for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Ms. Bradley informed the Board the MMO's are significantly more than the 2009 MMO's due to the downturn in the economy. Our Plans are currently approximately 85% funded. Ms. Bradley briefly discussed HB 1828 which allows for smoothing. Smoothing is essentially paying your obligation over a period of years rather than in one lump sum. Ms. Bradley recommended we budget and pay the entire MMO in the 2010 budget.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved the 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligations for both Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

7.3. Resolution 2009-22; In Support of the Bristol Road Extension: Ms. Bradley presented to the Board Resolution 2009-22 which supports the construction of the Bristol Road Extension and requests the project be fully funded and urges all agencies to coordinate efforts to improve the health, safety and welfare of the motoring public. Mr. Cotton commended Ms. Bradley on her testimony at the recent State Transportation Commission hearing.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board adopted Resolution 2009-22 in support of the Bristol Road Extension and directed Ms. Bradley to send copies to our legislators, Bucks County Planning Commission, DVRPC and neighboring municipalities.

7.4. Authorization to Order Two Conservation Easement Appraisals: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that two property owners are interested in providing conservation easements to New Britain Township. Ms. Bradley requested the Board authorize property appraisals for the properties.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board authorized Ms. Bradley to order appraisals on the properties.

7.5. Resolution 2009-23; Records Disposition: Ms. Bradley reminded the Board that earlier this year New Britain Township had transferred funds and closed accounts at Commerce Bank and Harleysville Bank and moved those funds to First Savings Bank of Perkasie under instruction of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Bradley stated that this resolution authorizes the destruction of unused checks and deposit tickets as outlined in the Municipal Record Retention Manual.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board authorized Resolution 2009-23.

7.6. PA Adult Children Insurance Coverage Extension Act: Ms. Bradley explained to the Board that on June 10, 2009 Gov. Rendell signed into law the PA Adult Children Insurance Coverage Extension Act which expands health insurance coverage for dependent adult children of insured parents by allowing them to remain covered by their parent's health insurance policy until they reach 30 years of age, subject to certain conditions. Our insurance carrier is asking whether we will or will not offer the extended benefit.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mrs. Haun the Board voted to not offer the extended benefit. Full time college students will continue to be covered up to age 25.

8. Board of Supervisor Reports: Mrs. Haun reported that the Water Resources Committee will hold a public meeting on November 9th at 2:00 p.m. at Milford Township. The purpose of this public meeting is to seek public input of the critical watershed resource plan recently developed.

Mr. Cotton reported that the Route 202 Task Force will meet this Wednesday, September 19 at the Montgomery Township Building. Bids have been received for the third section of the 202 Parkway, with a planned construction start date of November 2009.

9. Township Administration Comments:

9.1. Garabed Wetlands Study: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that we have been notified by DEP that a wetlands study will have to be conducted on the Garabed property. The study must include wetlands delineation and identifying the possibility of red bellied turtle breeding. Ms. Bradley requested authorization to hire DeVal Soil to conduct a wetlands study.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board authorized contracting with DeVal Soil to conduct a wetlands study of the Garabed property.

9.2. Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the Red Cross has had a blood drive cancellation on September 27th. They are asking if New Britain Township would be interested in taking over this time slot and providing the facility. Ms. Bradley directed Ms. Kichline to get further information.

10. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:

Mr. Kennard reported the contract with Autumn Hill for detention basin work at the Reserve has been finalized. Work should begin next week.

11. Other Business: None

12. Public Comment:

13. Payment of Bills:

13.1. List dated September 9, 2009 in the amount of \$54,010.28:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo the Board approved the bills list dated September 9, 2009 in the amount of \$54,010.28.

13.2. List dated September 10, 2009 in the amount of \$94,498.00:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board approved the bills list dated September 10, 2009 in the amount of \$94,498.00.

14. Adjourn:

MOTION: Being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert V. Cotton, Chair

John A. Bodden, Vice-Chair

James Scanzillo., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager