

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

December 15, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair John A. Bodden, Sr., Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members William B. Jones, III, Helen B. Haun and A. James Scanzillo. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Peter Nelson.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Bodden called the Meeting to order.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Bodden led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Announcements:** Mr. Bodden announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues and litigation.
- 4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There was no Public Comment at this time.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**

5.1. Minutes of December 1, 2014 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously approved, to accept the December 1, 2014 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously approved, to accept the following November Departmental Reports as written: Code Department Report, Police Department Report and Public Works Department Report.

7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business

8.1. Adoption of Final 2015 Budget: Ms. Bradley stated that minor changes to the Preliminary Budget had been made that had little impact on the current format. The 2015 Budget called for no millage increase.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to adopt the Final 2015 Budget as Resolution #2015-26.

8.2. Adoption of Tax Levy Resolution #2015-27: Ms. Bradley stated that the Resolution set down the Real Estate millage rates for 2015, as well as Street Light assessments for certain districts, the Earned Income Tax rate of 1.025%, and Local Services Tax of \$52.00 per resident.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved, to adopt Resolution #2015-27, the Tax Levy Resolution setting tax rates for 2015.

8.3. Meeting Schedule Dates for 2015: Ms. Bradley stated that the proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule was ready for advertisement, if approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to adopt the Final 2015 Budget as Resolution #2015-26.

8.4. Proposed Repeal of Firearms Ordinance: Ms. Bradley stated that due to recent changes in state law regarding firearms, the Board should consider adopting an ordinance rescinding ordinances related to firearms.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to authorize advertisement of an ordinance repealing Part 1 of Chapter 6 regarding firearms discharge and amending Park Rules and Regulations concerning archery equipment, disturbing animals and fireworks.

8.5. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance: Amending Zoning Map by re-zoning two parcels; and adopting new definitions of soils on floodplains and floodplains and deleting 5 definitions: Ms. Bradley stated that the Board should consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance to change zoning of a portion of TMP 26-005-002 from I-Industrial to CR Conservation and Recreation; and to change zoning of a portion of 26-005-002 from I-Industrial to RR Residential; and to change zoning of a portion of TMP 26-005-002-001 from I-Industrial to Conservation and Recreation. The proposed ordinance would also adopt new definitions regarding soils on floodplains and floodplains and delete five floodplain definitions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to authorize advertisement of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map by re-zoning two parcels; and adopting new definitions of soils on floodplains and floodplains and deleting five definitions.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items: Termination of 2003 Developer's Agreement with New Britain Corporate Center for TMP #26-005-049-003, 26-005-049-006, 26-005-049-007, 26-005-049-008 and 26-005-049-009; Termination of 2009 Developer's Agreement with New Britain Corporate Center for TMP #26-005-049-003; Pine Valley Crossing Associates Escrow Release #1 in the amount of \$642,726.77, leaving \$678,006.60 remaining.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: There were no Board comments at this time.

11. Township Administration Comments: There were no Administration comments at this time.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Nelson stated that the Milligan property had gone to Sherriff's Sale on December 12, 2014 at the Bucks County Courthouse and garnered a top bid of \$140,000.00. Should the top bidder default, the Township could acquire the property at cost.

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. Bills List dated December 12, 2014 for \$121,043.59:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated December 12, 2014 for \$121,043.59.

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 7:15 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John A. Bodden, Sr., Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager