

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2017**

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair John A. Bodden, Sr., Members Helen B. Haun, Gregory T. Hood and William B. Jones, III. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, Esq., and Township Engineer Janene Marchand.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Scanzillo called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Scanzillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements: Mr. Scanzillo announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this Meeting to discuss personnel issues and land acquisition.

3.1. PECO Green Regions Grant Award: Mr. Ted Dorand of PECO and Mr. XXXX of Natural Lands Trust were on hand to present a PECO Green Regions \$10,000 Grant Award to New Britain Township for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Project. Mr. Dorand stated that PECO started the Green Regions Grant Program over a decade ago to foster the creation and protection of green and open spaces within the region and had awarded over one million dollars during that period. With the help of Natural Lands Trust as manager of the Green Regions Program, New Britain Township was selected out of over forty applicants to receive the grant.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Mrs. Cynthia Jones of Circle Drive asked the status of the former Acme property. Ms. Bradley stated that building permit applications had been submitted and were under review. The proposed subdivision was under review by the engineer and a staff meeting was scheduled to discuss those findings. The project had not yet been scheduled on any meeting agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of Meeting of October 2, 2017:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Hood and unanimously approved to accept the October 2, 2017 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Code Department Report for September 2017: Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for September 2017.

6.2. Police Department Report for September 2017: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for September 2017.

6.3. Public Works Department Report for September 2017: Ms. Bradley presented the Public Works Department Report for September 2017.

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

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Budget 2018 Discussion: Ms. Bradley stated that development of the 2018 Budget was well underway and required direction from the Board. The Board then discussed several specific issues: the Active Volunteer First Responder Recruitment/Retention Incentive Program; a possible capital contribution to the Chal-Brit Regional EMS; various capital requests from each department including two new police cars, a heavy dump truck and a pick-up truck; upgrades to existing parks; design costs for Cotton Park and the Neshaminy Greenway Trail; two new police officers; a new traffic signal system for New Britain Boulevard; and various transfers to General Reserve due to unexpected excess revenue.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hood, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items: submission of documents for MDG 1, LLC, for construction of single family homes, including: Development Agreement, Memo of Development Agreement, Financial Security Agreement, Declaration of Covenants, Easements, Conditions and Restrictions, Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement, BMP Maintenance Guarantee, Well Guarantee, and Sewage System Operations and Maintenance Agreement; the execution of a Professional Service Agreement for Ross and Deborah Velardi for development of TMP #26-008-166, 16 E Cornwall Drive, for construction of a patio, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$2,500.00; the execution of several documents for William Dudeck and Kristen Duffy for the development of TMP #26-003-004, Curley Mill Road, for construction of a single family home, including: Declaration of Covenants, Easements, Conditions and Restrictions and Stormwater Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement, with corresponding Stormwater Maintenance Fee of \$1,111.25; the execution of Record Plans for MDG 1, LLC for the plan entitled Rolling Ridge/Frost Tract.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mr. Bodden stated that he had been monitoring progress on the New Galena Bridge construction project, and was impressed by the process. Work was proceeding quickly, and he hoped for an early road reopening.

11. Township Administration Comments: Chief Scafidi stated that he wished to update the Board on an incident over the weekend. Our forces assisted on a disturbance call at the Giant in New Britain Borough. Three perpetrators were suspected of shoplifting. Officer Zielinski discovered the suspect vehicle and pulled it over in the Acme parking lot. The driver exited the vehicle and charged at Officer Zielinski. Officer Zielinski subdued and arrested the suspect without major injury to himself or the suspect. The other passengers were compliant. Central Bucks Regional Police and the Police Chief of Buckingham also responded to the call.

11.1. Shafer Zoning Hearing Board Application: Ms. Bradley stated that on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board would consider the application of Jane P. Shafer, of 492 New Galena Road, TMP #26-001-095-005 in the SR-2 District, improved with a detached single-family dwelling and several outbuildings. The Applicant sought a variance from and/or interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of two (2) accessory structures on the property as separate residential dwelling units, where no such use is allowed.

Mr. Jim Shafer, the owner's son, stated that he was present at tonight's meeting to answer any question that the Board might have.

Mr. Nelson asked the Board if they wished him to attend and just monitor the situation or to actively become a party in the hearing.

Mr. Bodden stated that wished that Mr. Nelson monitor the hearing, but that our zoning must be protected. The Board concurred with Mr. Bodden's assessment.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously voted to send the Township Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board to represent the Township's interests with regard to the Shafer Application.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There were no Solicitor or Engineer Comments at this time.

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 October 12, 2017 for \$397,317.30:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Hood, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated October 12, 2017 for \$397,317.30.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr., Vice Chair

Helen B. Haun, Member

Gregory T. Hood, Member

William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager