

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 18, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 18, 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, A. James Scanzillo and Helen B. Haun. 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 on Friday, August 15 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Board also met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition 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 August 4, 2014 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved to accept the August 4, 2014 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Code Department Report: Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for July 2014.

6.2. Police Department Report: Chief Robert Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for July 2014

6.3. Public Works Department Report: Ms. Bradley presented the Public Works Department Report for July 2014.

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

8. Consideration of New Business

8.1. Waiver Request: Spencer Nickel, 9 Clearview Avenue, TMP #26-009-028: The Applicant was requesting relief from the requirement to pave his driveway opening a minimum 50 feet from the edge of the street. Ms. Bradley noted that the Applicant had installed the driveway, some stormwater management BMPs, a pad for a shed and considerable impervious surface without benefit of applying for permits or receiving approvals from the Township. Mr. Nickel had agreed to install additional BMPs and remove some of the additional impervious. Submitted plans were now in compliance with the Stormwater Ordinance, the only outstanding issue was the requested driveway relief.

Mr. Nickel stated that he wished to reduce the required paving from 50 feet to 16 feet, as he did not wish to incur the added expense, and the required paving would include a significant portion of the new parking area as well.

Mr. Bodden stated that he was not inclined to grant relief when Mr. Nickel had proceeded without permits, as he was clearly aware of the need for permits and aware of the fact that he was at his maximum allowable impervious area.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to grant relief for pavement of an arched driveway in lieu of a full 50-foot of paving; and to include repair to Clearview Avenue.

8.2. Authorization for Advertisement: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, to Prohibit On-Street Parking along Stewart Lane:

Ms. Bradley stated that a proposed ordinance with corresponding engineering analysis revealed that Stewart Lane was not wide enough to allow parking, without presenting a safety hazard to emergency vehicles and asked the Board to consider passage of an ordinance restricting parking on Stewart Lane.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to authorize advertisement for the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, to prohibit on-street parking along Stewart Lane.

9. Consent Agenda:

9.1. Ms. Bradley presented a Professional Services Agreement for James and Deborah Gallagher, 389 New Galena Road, TMP #26-001-116, for construction of an attached garage, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$2,500.00.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to approve the Consent Agenda items.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mrs. Haun announced that the North Branch Watershed Associations would hold their Annual Stream Cleanup on September 20 near the vicinity of the Creekside Tavern. All were welcome to participate.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Administration Emergency Generator Bids: Ms. Bradley stated that bids for the Administration Emergency Generator had been opened on July 8, 2014, with the lowest responsible bid being from AJM Electric for \$95,400.00.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved, to award a contract for supply and installation of a 150 kW Emergency Generator contract to AJM Electric of Upper Chichester, PA, for \$95,400.00.

11.2. Chalfont Bridge Project: Ms. Bradley stated that she had been informed that the Chalfont Bridge on Butler Avenue would be completed by the end of October, although final paving might not be completed until later in the fall. Regrading and seeding of the surrounding area would also not be completed until later in the fall.

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

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

14. Public Comment: Mr. Robert Showalter of Old Iron Hill Road invited the Board of Supervisors to attend the next meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance to hear Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick speak on the proposed “Business Route 202” designation for Butler Avenue. The meeting would be held Wednesday Morning, August 20 at 9:00 at Borghi’s.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated August 13, 2014 for \$93,562.36: Ms. Bradley stated that this Bills List included expenses for the 2014 Road Maintenance Program.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 13, 2014 for \$93,562.36.

15.2. Bills List dated August 14, 2014 for \$88,047.27.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 14, 2014 for \$88,047.27.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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