

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 18, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair Helen B. Haun, Members William B. Jones, III, Gregory T. Hood and Cynthia M. Jones. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor H. Peter Nelson, Esq., and Township Engineer Janene Marchand, P.E.

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo asked Eagle Scout Joshua D’Agostino to lead 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.

**3.1. Recognizing Eagle Scout Joshua D’Agostino (Resolution #2018-11):** Mr. Scanzillo stated that it was the Board’s honor to present Resolution #2018-11 to Josh D’Agostino for his work in the community in creating a Bird Blind at West Branch Park and obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution #2018-11, Recognizing Eagle Scout Joshua D’Agostino.**

**3.2. Stormwater Management:** Mrs. Haun handed out flyers and addressed the public regarding preserving water quality. She stated that we all must make sure our water remains free of contaminants.

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Mr. Scanzillo called for Public Comment.

Mr. Robert Byrne of Forrest Park Drive wished to read a statement regarding the proposed Bristol Road Extension and the meeting that PennDOT held on June 5 at Unami Middle School. PennDOT presented seven routes at the meeting: the original Bristol Road Extension and six alternative routes. Mr. Byrne stated that PennDOT had declared one preferred alternative route, “Park-Butler Connector C”. He believed that this route was not feasible per the parameters of their study, because it created another misaligned intersection to the north of the Bristol Road-Butler Avenue Intersection. Mr. Byrne stated that both PennDOT’s traffic study and environmental study were inaccurate or incomplete. Mr. Byrne added that the “Park-Butler Connector C” would take away Township-preserved open space and negatively affect the use and accessibility of North Branch Park. The plans do not serve the best interest of the New Britain Township Community. Mr. Byrne stated that while the original Bristol Road Extension route is not perfect, it is preferred to PennDOT’s alternative.

Ms. Patty Harvan of Forrest Park Drive also expressed displeasure at the proposed alternative route “Park-Butler Connector C”, due to concern for the safety of her autistic son. Ms. Harvan asked the Board to do what they could to keep the traditional Bristol Road Extension route.

Mr. Jose Garcia of Forrest Park Drive stated he was blindsided by the “Park-Butler Connector C” route. He asked that the Township arrange a meeting with PennDOT to get answers. Mr. Scanzillo stated that the Township could ask PennDOT to attend a meeting.

Mr. Jim Gehringer of Sycamore Circle echoed the sentiments of the other residents and requested PennDOT attend a meeting in the future. He was strongly opposed to the alternative route and asked the Township to take action.

Ms. Margaret Briggs of Forrest Park Drive stated that the meeting was advertised as the Bristol Road Extension, but the project encompassed a wider area than Forrest Park. More residents needed to be notified, and the feedback period needed to be extended.

Mr. Scanzillo stated that the Board would have Township Staff send a letter to PennDOT condemning the "Park-Butler Connector C" concept and backing the original Bristol Road Extension. Ms. Bradley stated that it was important that residents not only supply feedback to PennDOT, but also contact other state legislators with their concerns.

## **5. Approval of Minutes:**

### **5.1. Minutes of Meeting of June 4, 2018:**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved to accept the June 4, 2018 Minutes as written.**

## **6. Departmental Reports:**

**6.1. Code Department Report for May 2018:** Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for May 2018.

**6.2. Police Department Report for May 2018:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for May 2018.

**6.3. Public Works Department Report for May 2018:** Ms. Bradley presented the Public Works Department Report for May 2018.

## **7. Consideration of Old Business:**

**7.1. PennDOT Presentation of W. Butler Culvert Bridge Replacement Project:** *Note: This Agenda Item was addressed prior to the Public Comment period noted above.* Appearing on behalf of PennDOT were PennDOT consultant and project manager Mr. Vito A. Genua and Ms. Cathy Farrell, P.E. of HNTB. Ms. Farrell presented PennDOT's plan for the replacement of a culvert bridge on Butler Avenue near the St. Jude School and Brittany Drive.

Mr. Genua stated that in response to crumbling inventory of state-owned bridges, PennDOT had begun identifying bridges for rehabilitation that have few obstacles to permitting and construction. The culvert bridge on Butler Avenue near Brittany Drive and the St. Jude School was one of five bridges in Group M that were scheduled for reconstruction over the next two years as one project. The project would be put out for bids in October 2018, with Notice to Proceed in December 2018, and construction commencing in 2019. The contractor would have approximately two years to complete the work on all five bridges. Mr. Genua added that construction of the Butler Avenue Bridge would occur in summer of 2019 or 2020, due to its proximity to St. Jude School and Butler Elementary. Copies of the preliminary plans were available on the Township website.

Ms. Farrell stated that the new precast box culvert bridge would be identical in size, length, and alignment to the old bridge. Work included updating the guiderail system, installation of four stormwater inlets, and minor

utility relocation. PennDOT was proposing a complete 24-hour shutdown of Business Route 202 for two months during construction. The posted detour would divert traffic approximately 3.8 miles from Route 152 to Route 202 Parkway to County Line Road. The chosen contractor would face a monetary penalty for every day the road closure remains in place over sixty days.

Ms. Farrell noted that a complete closure of Business Route 202 represented the smallest amount of disturbance to the motoring public for the lowest cost. PennDOT had increased the time of advanced signage posting from two weeks to a month at the Township's request. Access to Brittany Drive and local businesses would be maintained throughout the project, along with signage indicating that the businesses were open.

Mr. Scanzillo asked how long the project would take if one lane was left open at all times during construction. Ms. Farrell stated that they anticipated a four-month construction period, along with a significant traffic impact in the form of nine-minute delays due to the temporary traffic light that would be needed. There would also be design delays and additional expense in advance of the construction project.

Mrs. Jones asked if PennDOT had looked at adding sidewalks to the bridge. Mr. Genua stated that the aim of these projects was to keep the project simple. Adding sidewalks would add complexity, cost and time to the project.

Ms. Elaine Crunkleton of Wiltshire Drive asked if federal funds were involved in the project. Mr. Genua stated they were involved in the design phase, but construction was being done with 100% state dollars.

Mr. Bob Osifchin Drive asked if PennDOT accounted for local traffic detouring down Cornwall Drive and planned on of Cornwall any traffic calming. Ms. Farrell stated that the posted detour was on state roads.

Mr. Jim Frantz of Dolly Lane asked when construction would occur, stating concern with the proximity to two schools. Ms. Farrell stated the contractor would be required to schedule work for this bridge in either the summer of 2019 or 2020, with sixty days to complete the project.

Mr. Bruce Quedenfeld of Brittany Drive asked if any studies had been conducted for the projects impact on stormwater. Ms. Farrell stated that the contractor would be required to obey all DEP regulations and maintain the flow of water with pumps throughout construction.

Mr. Tony D'Orazio of W. Butler Avenue asked if PennDOT could widen the bridge to add sidewalks, and how PennDOT planned to ensure the road remained closed for only sixty days. Ms. Farrell stated that the bridge span would not be widened and would remain 34 feet wide. Sidewalks would not be considered at this time. Mr. Genua stated that the condition of the bridge required its immediate remediation. The contractor would have sixty calendar days to complete the work or be assessed a monetary penalty each day the road remained closed beyond sixty days.

Mr. Ron Gabriel of Brittany Drive stated that he was concerned with an increase in water flow into his yard. Ms. Farrell stated that the contractor was responsible for maintaining water flow and preventing flooding during construction. PennDOT was responsible for the contractor. The proposed plan called for no alteration to normal flow of water.

Mr. Jim Lynch of Cornwall Drive asked where the contractor would be staging equipment and materials. Mr. Genua stated that the contractor would have use of part of the roadway within the designated construction area. Any additional storage would need to be arranged by the contractor with private landowners.

Mr. Quedenfeld asked if the contractor would be able to work on Saturday and Sunday. Ms. Bradley stated that the contractor would be subject to all Township ordinances like any other developer or contractor. That meant no work on Sunday and asking 48 hours in advance for the Township's permission to work on Saturday.

Mr. John Latzo of Brittany Drive asked why the safety of the walking public was not taken into account.

Ms. Janet Pagano of Cornwall Drive asked how the pumps would work. She was concerned with how loud the pumps would be if they were running continuously. Ms. Farrell stated that pumps would run as needed, depending on conditions. The contract would be limited to a certain decibel level for the pumps.

Mr. Scanzillo thanked the PennDOT representatives for attending the meeting and called for questions indirectly related to the project.

Ms. Pattie Wright of New Jersey Avenue asked about the gates at Cornwall Drive and New Jersey Avenue, and what measures the Township would take to prohibit traffic from using Brittany Drive. Ms. Bradley stated that opening Cornwall Drive had already been discussed and voted down by the Board. New Jersey Avenue fell under the purview of Chalfont Borough; therefore, New Britain Township had no control over that gate. She added that Brittany Drive is a public roadway, open to all traffic.

Mr. Lynch asked how the Board could permanently prevent Cornwall Drive from being opened in the future. Mr. Nelson stated that this Board had decided not to open Cornwall Drive, but could not handcuff a future Board from having the ability to make any decisions.

Mr. Phil Shire of Hampshire Drive stated that Hampshire Drive was like a speedway and asked if temporary barricades could be erected. Mr. Scanzillo stated that increasing police presence during construction was the best option.

Ms. Eileen Moleski of Cornwall Drive asked for a stop sign at Hampshire and Cornwall Drives, along with tree trimming at the corner property to improve the lines of sight. Ms. Bradley stated that the Township would look into conducting a traffic study and having the trees trimmed.

Mr. Quedenfeld asked if Shire Drive could be closed off during construction. Chief Scafidi stated that from a public safety perspective, it was not a good idea to close any roads.

Ms. Pagano echoed Ms. Moleski's request for a stop sign at Hampshire and Cornwall. Mr. Nelson stated that the Township would look into installing a stop sign, but it would need to be warranted based on standards set forth by PennDOT.

Ms. Maria Wood of Hampshire Drive stated she supported a stop sign as well.

## **8. Consideration of New Business:**

**8.1. Township Culvert Replacement Projects Contract Award (Sellersville Twin, Walters, Sellersville Box, and Upper Church):** Ms. Bradley stated that the Township had received two bids for replacement of culverts at the following locations throughout the Township: Sellersville Twin Pipe Culvert near Brook Lane, Walters Road Culvert, Sellersville Box Culvert near Curly Mill Road, and Upper Church Road Culvert. DOLI Construction of New Britain Township was the apparent lowest bidder by a significant margin, due in part to the fact that they were local and had lower mobilization costs. All paperwork was in order and their credentials were good. It was Staff's recommendation to award the four culvert projects to DOLI Construction.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to award the Culvert Replacement Projects Contract for all four culverts to DOLI Construction of New Britain for \$953,205.00.**

**9. Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items: Execution of Easement Agreements for Temporary Access and Construction and Permanent Rights-of-Way for the New Britain Township Culvert Replacement Projects: Thomas and Mary Overholt, 3 Brook Lane, TMP #26-024-065; Daniel and Marie Cipressi, 301 Walters Road, TMP #26-001-069-002; Francis and Vivian Descant, 325 Walters Road, TMP #26-001-069-003; Albert and Nadeene Francesco, 299 Township Line Road, TMP #26-001-070; Arthur Toll, 304 Sellersville Road, TMP #001-070-001; David and Louise Tiedeken, 15 Curley Mill Road, TMP #26-001-092-005; Nelson and Paulette Watton, 108 Upper Church Road, TMP #26-003-104-003; Joseph Vanderbosch, 115 Upper Church Road, TMP #26-003-111; and Willet and Virginia Neff, 308 Walters Road, TMP #26-001-045.**

Mr. Nelson asked the Board for a motion to approve a payment to the Neff's for compensation for legal fees.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to approve payment to Willet and Virginia Neff for legal compensation for \$2,850.00.**

**10. Board of Supervisors' Comments:** There were no Board of Supervisor's Comments at this time.

**11. Township Administration Comments:**

**11.1. North Penn Goodwill Service, Inc. Donation Request:** Ms. Bradley stated that the Township had historically donated to North Penn Goodwill Services (NPGS) at the request of former Supervisor Robert Cotton. It had been some time since the Township donated, and NPGS were in dire need of a new mobile food truck. NPGS mobilizes to emergency scenes and provides aide to first responders at crime or accident scenes that are active for an extended period. Ms. Bradley asked the Board to approve a larger donation. After discussion, a motion was presented.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hood, seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried unanimously, to approve donation to North Penn Goodwill Service, Inc. for \$1,500.00.**

**12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:** There was no Solicitor Comments at this time. Mrs. Marchand asked the Board for approval to put the New Britain Boulevard Traffic Signal out to bid.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Hood and carried unanimously, to authorize advertisement requesting bids for construction of the New Britain Boulevard Traffic Signal System.**

Mrs. Marchand also announced that there would be a Master Site Plan presentation for Cotton Park at the upcoming regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was designed to collect ideas from stakeholders for recently acquired additional parkland and assess the needs of the community. The revised Master Site Plan for Cotton Park would be used for future planning and grant applications.

**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 June 14, 2018, for \$98,517.66:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Hood, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated June 14, 2018, for \$98,517.66.**

**16. Adjournment:**

**MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mrs. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
A. James Scanzillo, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
William B. Jones, III, Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory T. Hood, Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia M. Jones, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eileen M. Bradley  
Secretary/Manager