

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2015**

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair William B. Jones, III, Members John A. Bodden, Sr., Robert V. Cotton and A. James Scanzillo. Also present was Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, Esq.

1. Call to Order: Mrs. Haun called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Haun led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements: Mrs. Haun announced that the Board had met in Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015 to discuss a personnel issue. She also stated that the Board had met prior to this meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and land acquisition.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: There was no Public Comment at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of May 4, 2015 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo and carried unanimously, to approve the May 4, 2015 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Code Department Report: Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for April 2015.

6.2. Police Department Report: Chief Robert Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for April 2015.

6.3. Public Works Department Report: Ms. Bradley presented the Public Works Department Report for April 2015.

7. Consideration of Old Business: Prospect Acquisitions/Colebrook PRD Decision Approval: Mr. Nelson had drafted a written decision based on the motion for tentative approval of the Prospect Acquisitions/Colebrook PRD that was rendered at the May 4 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to authorize execution of the written grant of tentative approval to the Colebrook Planned Residential Development, subject to compliance with the Gilmore and Associates review letter of April 9, 2015 and all other federal, state and local ordinances and regulations.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Alles Trail Easement: Ms. Bradley stated that Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Alles of Blue Jay Road had agreed to grant a trail easement across a portion of their property. The trail is a portion of a greater trail project connecting Blue Jay and Twin Streams Parks in Chalfont, across the Alles property, around the border of Unami Middle School to an existing trail on Lenape Drive in Chalfont.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to authorize execution of the Alles Trail Easement.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo and carried unanimously for the following Consent Agenda Items: Final release and return of escrow to Mangar Industries; Professional Services Agreement for construction of a deck and accessory structures at 123 King Road, TMP #26-004-097-001, with a corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$2,500.00; and final release and payment of outstanding balance for Greenway Development, LP for the Maurer Tract project.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mrs. Haun noted a disappointing crowd at the recent Township-sponsored shredding event. Those who participated appreciated the opportunity. She added that future events might be better attended with more advertising.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1, 11.2. Zoning Hearing Board Applications: Ms. Bradley stated that the Zoning Hearing Board would consider two applications at their next meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The first would be Colebrook Properties LP, for a portion of the property known as Quad Graphics on Schoolhouse Road, a portion of TMP #26-005-002, which is under development for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) for B3 and B5 single-family attached dwellings, and sought a Special Exception to waive or reduce the required installation of buffering due to existing vegetation

The second application was the application of Stephen and Kathleen Katsarakes, requesting a dimensional variance to allow a shed to be constructed on the property at 779 N. Limekiln Pike, TMP #26-003-042-002, at a distance of less than fifteen feet from the rear of the primary dwelling.

Ms. Bradley recommended that the Board of Supervisors take no position and that both decisions be left to the discretion of the Zoning Hearing Board.

11.3. Electronic Bidding on Used police Cars: Ms. Bradley stated that the Township was accepting electronic bids on one (1) 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and one (1) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, both in "as-is" condition. Complete specifications and bidder information was available on the website MuniBid.com. Bids would be accepted only through the website MuniBid.com up until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 for the 2007 Crown Vic and up until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 for the 2005 Crown Vic, and the contract may be awarded at the Meeting of Monday, June 1, 2015. The Township reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Nelson stated that the Township's brief in Appeal of the Common Pleas Court decision in the Baltra Zoning Hearing Board Appeal was filed this day. Ms. Baltra would have 30 days to file her brief in response. The Township would then have thirty days to answer that brief. A court decision could be expected ninety days after that filing. .

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

14. Public Comment: Mr. Bruce Quedenfeld of Brittany Drive inquired about the number of dwelling units at the Colebrook subdivision. He had concerns that there might be too much density. Mrs. Haun indicated that the developer intended to build 59 units of twins and townhouses.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated May 14, 2015 for \$1,875.88:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated May 14, 2015 for \$1,875.88.

15.2. Bills List dated May 14, 2015 for \$142,709.25:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated May 14, 2015 for \$142,709.25.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Helen B. Haun, Chair

William B. Jones, III, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

John A. Bodden, Sr., Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager