

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 19, 2017, 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, Members Helen B. Haun and William B. Jones, III. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, Esq., and Township Engineer Janene Marchand. Board Members John A. Bodden, Sr. and Gregory T. Hood were absent.

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 land acquisition.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Ms. Eileen James of New Hope, PA stated that she was speaking on the behalf of Mr. Mark Butler. She asked if the Township was interested in purchasing a conservation easement on Mr. Butler's parent's property on Railroad Avenue. Ms. Bradley stated that she had received a letter from Mr. Butler's sister, the executor of the parents' estate, indicating that Mr. Butler had no authority to act on the disposition of the land in question. Ms. Bradley added that she would need to talk to the Township Solicitor and the Board before deciding how to proceed in the matter.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of Meeting of June 5, 2017:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and unanimously approved to accept the June 5, 2017 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Code Department Report for May 2017: Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for May 2017. Mr. Jones asked if the Township was able to handle the high number of inspections with Township Staff. Ms. Bradley stated that the Township Staff did all inspections except electrical, which were done by a third-party company.

6.2. Police Department Report for May 2017: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for May 2017. Mrs. Haun asked if the high number of medical emergencies were predominantly for the elderly. Chief Scafidi stated that this was indeed the case. Mrs. Haun asked if the Police responded to any calls outside of the Township. Chief Scafidi stated that all of the calls in this month's report were located within New Britain Township.

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

Mrs. Cynthia Jones of Circle Drive asked what the machine was doing that was spraying curb lines throughout the Township in the last few days. Ms. Bradley stated that the Township contracted with a third-party vendor to spray along curb lines for weed control.

7. Consideration of Old Business:

7.1. Prestige Properties/The Vineyard at Peace Valley Preliminary/Final Approval Resolution #2017-15: Appearing for the Applicant, Prestige Properties, was Mr. James DeAngelo, developer, and Mr. Kris Reiss, P.E. of Boucher and James. Mr. Reiss stated that they had appeared before the Board two weeks prior and that the issue remaining was the proposed road improvements.

Mr. Nelson stated that he had drafted proposed Resolution #2017-15 prior to the meeting to include a turn-around on the largest lot, as requested by the Township Fire Marshal.

Mrs. Marchand stated that the Township would agree to three feet of widening on Upper Church Road and Old Limekiln Road. This would increase the total width of the roads to eighteen feet. She also stated that she was in agreement with the assessment made two weeks earlier by Public Works Superintendent, Wayne Fultz that Old Limekiln Road would need reclamation similar to what the Township had approved for Barclay Road. Mrs. Marchand also indicated that the swales on both roads would need to be relocated and reestablished.

Mrs. Marchand estimated the total cost of required public improvements to be approximately \$400,000 dollars in total. After factoring in the cost of offsite stormwater improvements that the developer had agreed to install, an additional fee-in-lieu of the required improvements amounted to around \$120,000.

Mr. Reiss stated that he had not had a chance to review the Gilmore cost projections, which he estimated to be around \$300,000. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he was concerned about the costs of these road improvements. Mr. Nelson stated that the resolution was drafted in such a way that the Township engineer and developer could continue to work on the fee-in-lieu numbers, while still receiving approval.

Mrs. Cheryl Abler of Old Limekiln Road asked about existing driveway openings that could be affected by the reclamation of the road and specifically who would be financially responsible. Mr. DeAngelo stated he would be responsible for the cost of any disturbance or effect the reclamation of Old Limekiln Road had on any residents' driveway. He also stated that he would be in contact with residents on Old Limekiln and the Township engineer would ensure they were satisfied with the work.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2017-15, granting Preliminary/Final subdivision and land development approval to Prestige Properties/The Vineyard at Peace Valley, for the Preliminary/Final land development plans for Prestige Properties, prepared by Bucher & James, Inc., dated September 22, 2016 and last revised April 6, 2017, subject to compliance with the Gilmore and Associates Review Letter dated May 17, 2017, the Fire Marshal Review Letter dated May 18, 2017, and the Planning Commission memo dated May 25, 2017.

8. Consideration of New Business:

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda item: Execution of a Preliminary Earthmoving Agreement for MDG #1 LLC for the Frost Tract located at Upper State Road near Pickertown Road, TMP #26-005-077 and #26-005-077-002, for the intent of clearing, grubbing and soil remediation, with corresponding Financial Security escrow of \$32,664.00.

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

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Frost Tract Sewage Facilities Planning Module (Resolution #2017-14): Ms. Bradley stated that the Applicant was seeking approval for the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Frost Tract. Ms. Bradley stated that the Module illustrated the originally planned public sewer line for the project to exit the development onto Upper State Road and proceed down to Bristol Road where there was an existing manhole.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution #2017-14, approving the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Frost Tract.

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 June 19, 2017 for \$177,177.85:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated June 19, 2017 for \$177,177.85.

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 7:25 p.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