

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2008**

A regular meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 19, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, and beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Chair; Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair; and members John A. Bodden, Sr.; Helen B. Haun and William B. Jones. Also present were: Robert Bender, Interim Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager, John B. Rice, Solicitor; Robert Scafidi, Police Chief; Wayne Fultz, Superintendent Public Works; and Randal Teschner, Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** There were no announcements from the Chair.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
5. **Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2008:**

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board approved the May 5, 2008 minutes as presented with Mr. Cotton abstaining.

6. Departmental Reports:

- 6.1. **Public Works:** Mr. Fultz presented the Public Works report for the months of March and April 2008 indicating various park and roadway projects which have been completed, new roadway signs installed and street sweeping.
- 6.2. **Police:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for the months of March and April 2008.
- 6.3. **Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal:** Mr. Teschner presented the Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal report for the months of March and April 2008. Mr. Teschner also reported approximately 60 illegally placed advertising signs are removed each month.

7. Consideration of Old Business:

7.1. Update on Temporary Cell Tower: Mr. Bender summarized the ongoing discussions with Horvath Communications outlining the placement of a temporary cell tower at West Branch Park conditional upon the placement of a permanent facility across the street at the new Vertis Park.

MOTION: Mrs. Haun put forth a motion to allow the Zoning Officer to issue a zoning permit for a temporary structure, which is allowed by right, subject to the following conditions outlined; 1) the applicant provide the township with proof of liability insurance; 2) prior to construction the applicant provide us with evidence satisfactory to NBT that there is no conflict or approvals needed from SEPTA; 3) that within 60 days the applicant enter into a lease agreement with NBT for the removal of the temporary cell tower, lease of land and the installation of a permanent tower upon the property known as the Vertis site; 4) the applicant file a complete application and pay all fees required to erect the permanent structure; 5) a negotiating committee is appointed to finalize the proposed contract and lease agreement and bring to the Board of Supervisors; 6) that there is no guarantee the Supervisors will approve the Conditional Use application or the final lease agreement, that any temporary lease agreement is subject to appeal, and that any construction is at Horvath's own risk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously carried.

7.2 Resolution #2008-06; Renewal of Articles of Incorporation – CBNBTJSA: Mr. Bender presented Resolution No. 2008-06 which would amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority extending the Authority's term of existence for an addition fifty (50) years.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-06.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Presentation of Traffic Calming Report: Mr. Bender presented the Traffic Calming Report as prepared by the Traffic Calming Committee which outlines the purpose and background of the committee, coordination with the New Britain Township Comprehensive Plan, street evaluation and prioritization, preliminary recommendations, project initiation and evaluation. The Board commended the committee on the work involved in preparing this report. Mrs. Bilotta commented she enjoyed working on the committee.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Traffic Calming Report and authorized the staff to begin implementation and continue with engineering studies for the larger projects.

8.2. Safe Routes to School; authorization to apply for funding: Mr. Bender outlined a source of grant funding that would cover both design and construction projects covered under the Home Town Streets and Safe Route to Schools program. Mr. Bender offered project suggestions that may be covered under the grant program such as widening the bridge along Rt. 202 south of 7-11 and/or a pedestrian pathway along both Rt. 202 and Skyline Drive.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously approved, the Board authorized staff to proceed with a grant application and authorized the amount not to exceed \$3000 toward design for the application.

8.3. Resolution 2008-07; Amending the 2008 Budget: Mr. Bender presented Resolution No. 2008-07 which transfers funds within the 2008 budget to reflect line item adjustments, the largest being adding \$50,000.00 for increased fuel costs.

MOTION: Upon Motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 2008-07. The Resolution is attached hereto and directs the Treasurer to adjust the budget as indicated.

8.4. Review request for extension of 90-day review period for Susan’s Vineyard; TNP#26-4-1 & 26-4-2 or act on sub-division plan: Ms. Susan Gross and Mr. Robert J. Kolmus presented a written request to the Board of Supervisors to waive the 90-day review period for the Susan’s Vineyard subdivision.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun and seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the waiver request until July 15, 2008, leaving the last day for township action on the current plan at July 14, 2008.

9. Board of Supervisor Reports: Mr. Cotton informed the Board and audience that the Area Aging Task Force will hold a workshop at Little Farm Estates Community room on June 11 at 1:00 PM covering Elder Law in PA. Mr. Cotton also informed the Board the Rt. 202 task force will meet on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Mr. Cotton discussed the recently held PSATS convention.

10. Township Administration Comments: Mr. Bender informed the Board and audience the EMS building will be dedicated on June 7th at 4:00 PM and an Open House will be held immediately following the parade on July 4th.

11. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: None.

12. Other Business: None

13. Payment of Bills: A bill list in the amount of \$184,187.51 was presented.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun and seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the bills list.

14. Public Comment: Theresa Browngold thanked the traffic calming committee for the effort put forth in preparing the report. She inquired whether the area of Ferry/Callowhill Roads has been considered for a 3-way stop sign. Mr. Bender informed that a resolution was passed by the Board last month requesting PennDOT conduct a traffic study in that area to determine appropriate improvements.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Robert C. Bender
Township Manager

Minutes approved on: _____