

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 19, 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 A. James Scanzillo, William B. Jones, III and Helen B. Haun. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township and 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 prior to this meeting in Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues.
- 4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There was no Public Comment at this time.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**
 - 5.1. Minutes of May 5, 2014 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved to accept the May 5, 2014 Minutes as written.
- 6. Departmental Reports:**
 - 6.1. Code Department Report for April 2014:** Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for April 2014.
 - 6.2. Police Department Report for April 2014:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for April 2014. In light of a recent newspaper article, Chief stated that New Britain Township is near 100% compliance with fingerprinting of those arrested for misdemeanors and above. The only holdouts would be those awaiting fingerprinting. He added that Bucks County is considering adding a 24-hour booking center with night processing to be added to the new Justice Center when it opens late this year. Costs would be paid through normal booking fees.
 - 6.3. Public Works Report for April 2014:** Public Works Superintendent Wayne Fultz presented the Public Works Department Report for April 2014.
- 7. Consideration of Old Business:** There was no Old Business at this time.
- 8. Consideration of New Business:**
 - 8.1. 2014 Road Maintenance Program Bid Contract Award:** Mr. Fultz stated that on May 13, the Township had received three bids for Contract "A" – Bituminous Seal Coating for various roadways within New Britain Township, the apparent low bidder being Asphalt Maintenance Solutions of Center Valley at \$67,801.50.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to award Contract “A” for Bituminous Seal Coating to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions of Center Valley, PA for \$67,801.50.

Mr. Fultz added that three bids were also received on May 13, for Contract “B” – Bituminous Wearing Course for various roadways within New Britain Township, the apparent low bidder being Bray Brothers of Fallsington, PA at \$184,727.00.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved, to award Contract “B” for Bituminous Wearing Course to Bray Brothers of Fallsington, PA for \$184,727.00.

8.2. Proposed Bamboo Ordinance: Ms. Bradley noted that in response to several resident complaints as well as observed problems, a draft Bamboo Regulation ordinance had been drafted and was before the Board. The proposed ordinance would regulate the planting of invasive bamboo and provide for its containment, control and removal. Any new plantings of bamboo would require containment. Existing bamboo would require containment and/or remediation, so as to be setback from all property lines and rights-of-way by a minimum of forty feet. The ordinance also provides for penalties for non-compliance.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously approved, to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items: Madison Apartments Security Release #1 for \$2,477,832.75, leaving a remainder of \$521,649.00; a Professional Services Agreement from Prospect Acquisitions, L.P. in conjunction with a Sketch Plan submission to subdivide parcel TMP #26-005-002 (formerly Lot #3 of Vertis 3-Lot Subdivision) on Schoolhouse Road, to construct 59 twins and townhouses, to change zoning of the proposed parcel from I-Industrial to RR-Residential under PRD regulations, with a corresponding Legal and Engineering Escrow of \$2,500.00.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun inquired of the status of water erosion complaints on Hampshire Drive.

11. Township Administration Comments: There were no additional Administration comments at this time.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Nelson noted that Oral Arguments in the Mortimer case had been heard in Commonwealth Court on Monday, May 12, with a decision expected in three to four months. The Mortimer case had been appealed from an earlier Zoning Hearing Board denial of a variance request, which was later appealed to County Court, then to the Commonwealth.

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 May 19, 2014 for \$86,961.23:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated May 5, 2014 for \$86,961.23.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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