

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2015**

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 20, 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. and Robert V. Cotton. A. James Scanzillo was absent. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, Esq. and Township Engineer Erik Garton.

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 prior to this meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Ms. Joan Kings and Mr. Charles Jackson of Blue Jay Road stated that their property was adjacent to a portion of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail being installed on the Alles property. Ms. Kings had received a letter dated April 29, 2015 from the Township Manager that stated that there was a significant distance between the trail and their property and that the area between their home and trail was already wooded. Ms. Kings requested that plantings be installed between the trail and her property to provide a buffer between the trail and their property, a distance of 63 feet. Ms. Kings stated that installing privacy shrubs and hedges would provide a sound barrier and privacy. Mr. Jackson presented the Board with pictures of what they would like installed.

Ms. Bradley noted that the trail was fully incorporated on the Alles' property and the Alles would have the right to choose what would or would not be installed on their property. Currently there was no landscape plan and the Alles had already stated that they wished to see the final product before requesting any type of landscaping to be done. Ms. Bradley also added that the trail was a joint project, with Chalfont Borough as the lead municipality on the project.

Mr. David Jimick of Rocky Court West stated that he had made a complaint in January about the Police Department and nothing had been done since. Ms. Bradley stated that after he made his complaint, an investigation was done and a meeting was held in March with the Manager, Mrs. Haun and Mr. Jimick, in which Mr. Jimick's concerns were addressed. Chief Robert Scafidi stated that the complaint was related to a complaint in District Court and the Judge did not find any problems with the Officer's testimony. Mrs. Haun told Mr. Jimick that she was sorry that he did not want to accept the outcome, but the Court had made their final decision.

Mr. William Leighton of Myers Road stated that he had been experiencing a drainage issue that the Township was not addressing. Ms. Bradley stated that she had Public Works Superintendent, the Township Engineer and the Township Solicitor looking into the drainage issue. She had discussed it with the Board of Supervisors to come up with a solution, and would get back to him shortly.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of June 15, 2015 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden and carried unanimously, to approve the June 15, 2015 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

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

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

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

7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Authorization for Advertisement of Ordinances:

8.1.A. Speed Limit Barry Road: Ms. Bradley stated that the proposed ordinance would correct a typographical error in the ordinance and would have the ordinance language agree with the signage on the roadway. She requested authorization to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

8.1.B. Omnibus Amendment to Chapter 27 Zoning: Ms. Bradley stated that this ordinance would: correct several typographical errors in the Zoning Ordinance; clarify existing language; add new Uses C6 Adult Day Care Use and J33 Special Services Use; and revamp the solar, wind energy and PRD sections. She requested authorization to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton and carried unanimously, to authorize advertisement for the Speed Limit of Barry Road Ordinance and the Omnibus Amendment to Chapter 27 Zoning Ordinance and to authorize ordinances to be reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Commission and the New Britain Township Planning Commission.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously for the following Consent Agenda Items: A Professional Services Agreement for the subdivision and land development of the property known as the Estates of Julius Farm, LTD. (formerly known as the Maurer Tract), 87 Walters Road, TMP #26-001-125-002, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$11,000.00; Reduction of Pine Valley Crossing Associates, \$5,000,000.00 Excess Liability Insurance as outlined in the Developer's Agreement to \$1,000,000.00 Excess Liability.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mr. Bodden stated that demolition of the house located at 28 Teresa Lane had commenced and was almost complete. Mrs. Haun stated that the July 4th Parade was a success.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Hiring of Public Works Laborer: Ms. Bradley stated that the Township had conducted a search for a new Public Works employee. Both she and Superintendent Wayne Fultz agreed that Kelsey Ganther was the most qualified candidate and recommended hiring him as a probationary employee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton and carried unanimously to hire Kelsey Ganther as a Public Works Laborer starting at \$18.50 per hour, \$38,480 annually.

11.2. Promotion of Louis Gentner from Probationary to Permanent Public Works Employee: Ms. Bradley stated that Mr. Gentner had proven to be a great addition to the Public Works Department and that she agreed with Mr. Fultz's recommendation to promote him from probationary to permanent with a pay increase to \$23.50 per hour.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and carried unanimously to promote Louis Gentner from Probationary to Permanent Public Works Employee with a corresponding wage increase to \$23.50 per hour.

11.3. Execution of Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Lot #20 New Britain Business Park:

As part of the required completion of paperwork for land development of New Britain Business Park Lot #20-2, an amended Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the lot was required. The developer had executed the document.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously to execute the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Lot #20 at the New Britain Business Park.

11.4. Application to PennDOT for Overhead Banner for the Fall Festival: An agreement with PADOT was required to erect a banner over a portion of Route 152 in Chalfont Borough for the upcoming annual Fall Festival.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to authorize application to PennDOT for Overhead Banner for the Fall Festival.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:

12.1. Gross/Kolmus Grant of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions: Township Solicitor Peter Nelson stated that the Peace Valley Winery had been attempting to develop their property for many years. Mr. Nelson said that the developer asked that the Township temporarily forgo the payment of escrow and allow the fees to be attached to a future sales agreement, in an effort to find a suitable buyer for the project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden and carried unanimously to authorize execution of the gross/Kolmus Grant of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions outlining the terms for future development of the property.

Township Engineer, Erik Garton added that he had scheduled a meeting with the winery's Engineer to make sure that all stormwater requirements would be addressed.

Mr. Nelson stated that all briefs had been filed in the Baltra Appeal.

13. Other Business: Chief Robert Scafidi stated that the DEA had scheduled a Drug Take-Back day on September 12, 2015; however, Bucks County had chosen not to participate due to the upcoming visit of the Pope to the area. The County was instead planning their own Drug Take-Back event in October. The Chief noted that the Drug Drop-Off box was always available during business hours in the Police Department lobby.

14. Public Comment: Mr. Jimick asked if there could be signs placed at the Wawa at County Line Road and W. Butler Avenue indicating no left turn onto Butler Avenue. Mrs. Haun indicated that both roadways were owned and maintained by PADOT. Any signage would need to be requested from them.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated June 19, 2015 for \$125,052.38:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated June 19, 2015 for \$125,052.38.

15.2. Bills List dated June 25, 2015 for \$69,270.92:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated June 25, 2015 for \$69,270.92.

15.3. Bills List dated July 17, 2015 for \$199,708.68:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated July 17, 2015 for \$199,708.68.

15.4. Bills List dated July 17, 2015 for \$153,283.63:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated July 17, 2015 for \$153,283.63.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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