

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 20, 2014

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair John A. Bodden, Sr., Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members William B. Jones, III, A. James Scanzillo and Helen B. Haun. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Engineer Erik Garton.

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

3.1. Ten-Year Service Award: Mr. Bodden presented Jo Ann Lapp with a Ten-Year Service Award.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Mr. Bodden called for Public Comment.

4.1. Neshaminy Greenway Trail - Chalfont Borough Council Member Marilyn Jacobson requested the Board's continued support of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail system, specifically the section that was awarded TAP Grant Funding. Ms. Bradley presented the sketch plan option that showed the trail going from Bristol Road through Township Open Space, and down through Mr. Coleman's property to connect to Upper State Road. Ms. Bradley shared the residents' concerns with the trail near their properties.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved, to allow staff to move forward with the design of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail going through Township Open Space and Mr. Coleman's property.

4.2. No Parking on Stewart Lane: Mr. Ted Kuriger of Jillamy Warehouse and Distribution, Inc., located at 100 Stewart Lane, Chalfont, approached the Board about their recently passed "No Parking" Ordinance for Stewart Lane. Mr. Kuriger stated that sales representatives and potential clients have often parked on Stewart Lane when coming to their facility due to lack of parking in the existing lot. Mr. Kuriger asked the Board if there was anything that could be done so that passenger vehicles could be allowed to park on Stewart Lane or in the cul-de-sac. Ms. Bradley stated that the "No Parking" Ordinance was passed due to large trucks parking on the street and blocking the way for emergency vehicles to get through. Ms. Bradley said she would have the Township Fire Marshal drive out to Stewart Lane to see what accommodations could be made.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of October 6, 2014 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously approved, to accept the October 6, 2014 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Code Department Report: Ms. Bradley presented the Code Department Report for September 2014.

6.1. Police Department Report: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for September 2014.

6.1. Public Works Department Report: Mr. Fultz presented the Public Works Department Report for September 2014.

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

8. Consideration of New Business

8.1. Authorize Advertisement of Re-adoption of Disclosure Ordinance: Ms. Bradley stated that the Residential Disclosure Ordinance previously adopted by the Board was codified without the required disclosure check list. The Township Solicitor had recommended re-adoption of the full ordinance with check list.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved, to authorize advertisement of the Re-adoption of the Township Residential Disclosure Ordinance.

9. Consent Agenda: There were no consent agenda items at this time.

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

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Tax Rate Ordinance – Open Space EIT: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that a Earned Income Tax Rate Ordinance would need to be passed along with the 2015 Budget in December, that would set the earned income tax rate for open space for 2015. The current 2015 Budget proposal called for no Open Space EIT for 2015.

11.2. Budget 2015 Discussion: Ms. Bradley presented a draft 2015 Budget. The Budget reflected no millage increases for 2015, with a proposed 2.5% raise for non-uniform employees, but police salary rates were still not finalized because the police contract was still being argued through Binding Arbitration. It was beginning to look like no settlement would be reached before the end of the year. Medical rates were also not finalized.

The Budget presently included installation of a traffic light system at New Britain Boulevard and County Line Road. Ms. Bradley mentioned that some current Street Light District charges were not covering utility and maintenance bills and could require an increase. Ms. Bradley stated that the Budget was progressing and on track for preliminary approval with no increased taxes, barring something unforeseen. Mr. Bodden asked what would be done about the unknown increase for the police salaries. Ms. Bradley stated that the budgeted amounts would be weighted and a separate fund line item would be set up for retroactive lump sum payments for 2014.

11.3. Resolution #2014-24, Re-allocating Funds for Unbudgeted Items: Ms. Bradley stated that funds should to be reallocated from different line items into the Building Maintenance line item to pay for the following unbudgeted items: Overage required for bids for the administration generator; unforeseen security enhancements at the Township Building.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution #2014-24, reallocating funds for unbudgeted items.

11.4. Resolution # 2014-25, Amending Fee Schedule to Allow for Permanent Financial Guarantee of Stormwater BMPs. Ms. Bradley requested that this item be tabled until a later date.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board tabled discussion of Resolution #2014-25, amending the Fee Schedule.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There were no comments at this time.

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

14. Public Comment: There were no comments at this time.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated October 17, 2014 for \$69,326.78:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated October 17, 2014 for \$69,326.78.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.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