

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 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, and Member John A. Bodden. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor John B. Rice.

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 from the Chair:** There were no announcements from the Chair.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.
5. **Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2011 Public Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of November 7, 2011 were approved as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Public Works: Mr. Fultz presented the Public Works Report for October 2011. Mr. Fultz stated that some speed limit signs had to be replaced in the Township due to vandalism with paint ball guns. Mrs. Haun asked that a notice be placed on the website and in the newsletter, so that residents are aware this is happening and the cost to taxpayers.

Mr. Fultz also thanked the Police Department for their help with down trees during the October Snow Storm.

6.2. Police Department: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for October 2011.

6.3. Code Department: Mr. Teschner presented the Code Report for October 2011.

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

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption: Resolution #2011-21: Ms. Bradley stated that the County had created a Hazard Mitigation Plan and that New Britain Township had participated in the Public Meetings that were held to create the plan. Ms. Bradley added that New Britain Township is already doing most things that are listed in the County Hazard Mitigation Plan and by adopting this resolution, the Township will be able to receive FEMA and PEMA funding for disaster relief. If the Township does not adopt the resolution, they will not be eligible for disaster relief.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2011-21, adopting the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

8.2. Resignation of Preston Campbell of CNBTJSA Board, effective 12/31/11: Ms. Bradley reported that Preston Campbell has chosen to resign from the CNBTJSA Board effective December 31, 2011 due to work and family conflicts. The Board added that Preston Campbell was a valuable member of the CNBTJSA Board.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Preston Campbell of the CNBTJSA Board, effective December 31, 2011.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda item: Professional Services Agreement for Karl Brosious Minor Subdivision at 1334 Ferry Road, with an escrow of \$5,000.00.

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

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Rankin ZHB Application: Ms. Bradley stated that C.P. Rankin of County Line Road has applied to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance to allow more than one principal use of a parcel. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Currently, Rankin runs a roofing office/warehouse out of the building they rent from Byers Choice. They wish to operate an indoor athletic club from the same facility. Ms. Bradley stated that the owner had written an authorization letter to allow the use. Ms. Bradley asked the Board to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the hearing to represent the Township's interests. Mr. Jones believes that allowing an indoor athletic club at the location will only increase the existing traffic problems at the intersection of County Line and Richardson Roads. Mr. Rice would investigate further, as the project could also require Land Development.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor and Staff to attend the Rankin Zoning Hearing on December 14, 2011 to represent the Township.

11.2. Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Bradley asked that the Board to approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule so that it could be advertised and added to the Township Website.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2012 Meeting Schedule.

11.3. Aqua Rate Hike: Ms. Bradley stated that Aqua is proposing another rate hike.

12. Solicitor Comments: John Rice stated that he had received a Stormwater Management Agreement from Souder for a single lot located at 67 W. Peace Valley Road. The Agreement includes a seepage pit for a single family home. Mr. Rice stated that the Stormwater Management Agreement gives the Township the right to inspect the seepage pit at any time.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Stormwater Management Agreement for 67 W. Peace Valley Road (Souder).

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

14. Public Comment: Ms. Bradley informed Mr. Gene Dolan of Indian Creek Way that the Township has been in touch with Penndot to make the intersection of Park Avenue and the Indian Creek Way a "No Passing Zone", and

that Penndot was out today inspecting the intersection. Mr. Gene Dolan was thankful that the Township moved forward on the issue so quickly.

15. Payment of Bills: List dated 11/17/11 for \$111,633.02: Ms. Bradley stated that \$55,000.00 of the total is for insurance costs and \$10,000.00 of the total is from escrow accounts that are not from Township coffers.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated November 17, 2011 for \$111,633.02.

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 7:25 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Helen B. Haun, Chair

William B. Jones, Vice Chair

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

John A. Bodden, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager