

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 23, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 23, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen Haun, Vice Chair Bill Jones, Members A. James Scanzillo, John A. Bodden Sr., and Robert V. Cotton. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, 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:** There was no Public Comment at this time.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**5.1. Minutes of February 2, 2015 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to approve the February 2, 2015 Minutes as written.**

**6. Departmental Reports:**

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

**6.2. Police Department report:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for January 2015

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

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

**8. Consideration of New Business:**

**8.1. Public Hearing: Ordinance #2015-02-03: Zoning Map Changes:** Mrs. Haun opened the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #2015-02-03.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Ordinance had been duly advertised. The Ordinance addressed the following: the rezoning of parcel #26-005-002, approximately 20.949 acres located along Schoolhouse Road, across from Boulder Drive to be included in the RR Residential Zoning District; the rezoning of parcel #26-005-002, approximately 10.4934 acres located along Schoolhouse Road, across from Cedar Hill Road, to be included in the C/R Conservation and Recreation Zoning District; the rezoning of parcel #26-005-002-001, approximately 11.80 acres, located along Schoolhouse Road, to be included in the C/R Conservation and Recreation Zoning District.

Ms. Bradley stated that the Ordinance also addressed changes to the Floodplain Overlay District Definitions related to floodplains and floodplain soils.

There was no comment from the public on the proposed Ordinance. Mrs. Haun closed the hearing.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2015-02-03, the Zoning Amendment Ordinance to rezone one parcel to RRR Residential, two parcels to C/R Conservation and Recreation, and adopting new definitions regarding soils on floodplains and floodplains, and deleting five floodplain related definitions.**

**8.2. Authorization to Advertise Proposed Use K20 Low Impact Assembly Ordinance:** Ms. Bradley asked the Board to consider authorization of advertisement for an ordinance creating a K20 Low Impact Assembly Use. The Ordinance would allow a K20 Low Impact Use in the C2 – Commercial, I – Industrial and IO – Industrial Office Zoning Districts as a conditional use.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of the Proposed Low Impact Assembly Use Ordinance.**

**8.3. Collective Bargaining Agreement Execution:** Ms. Bradley presented the Board with the binding Arbitration Award for a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA). The Award granted: a contract term from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018; a change to the current healthcare plan that would reduce premiums for the Township, while increasing deductibles and co-pays for employees; a 3% wage increase for 2014, a 3% wage increase for 2015, a 3.25% wage increase for 2016, a 3.5% wage increase for 2017, and a 3.5% wage increase for 2018.

The Award also included language that would allow the Contract to be re-opened in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to renegotiate healthcare benefits to avoid a 40% excise tax, known commonly as a “Cadillac Tax” that will be imposed by the federal government under the Affordable Care Act beginning in 2018.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA.**

## **9. Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda item: Pine Valley Crossing Associates, LP Escrow Release #2 for \$68,969.49.**

**10. Board of Supervisors’ Comments:** Mr. Cotton stated that he had concerns with potholes near the new Route 152 Bridge installed in Chalfont Borough. Although the bridge is not located in the Township, he would like staff to reach out to Chalfont Borough and have them request to have the potholes fixed. Mrs. Haun added that we should also request that lines be repainted on the bridge.

Mrs. Haun stated she attended a lecture and book signing for Leonard Bethel’s book “La Citadelle: Layle Lane and Social Activism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America”, a book about Ms. Layle Lane, who among her accomplishments, ran a day camp in the area.

## **11. Township Administration Comments:**

**11.1. Resolution #2015-06, Budget Amendment:** Ms. Bradley stated that a resolution was needed to correct a clerical duplication error in the 2015 Budget, for revenue of \$8,900.00 in curb replacement payments.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2015-06, authorizing a 2015 Budget Amendment to correct a clerical duplication error.**

## **12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:**

**12.1. Goldthorp Settlement Agreement:** Mr. Nelson stated that in 2012, Mr. Benjamin Goldthorp had gone before the Zoning Hearing Board requesting dimensional variances for a three-lot subdivision and had been denied. He subsequently appealed that decision and had been working with Township Staff to come to a possible settlement. Mr. Goldthorp had

proven that four lots could be obtained on the parcel with no zoning relief required, but that he was merely seeking the right to create three lots.

The proposed settlement agreement before the Board for parcel #26-001-095-001, 179 Sellersville Road, allows the property to be developed with three (3) single family detached houses, with relief from the Zoning Ordinance: from Section 27-201 regarding lot area of lots 2 and 3 with the exclusions of easements and lanes; Section 27-802.b regarding minimum lot area of lots 2 and 3 with the exclusions of easements and lanes; Section 27-802.b regarding minimum lot width; Section 27-2104.a regarding a single lane lot serving all three new dwellings; Section 27-2104.b regarding each lot having a separate lane and minimum lot size of lane lot; Section 27-2104.e regarding minimum lot area of lots 2 and 3 with the exclusions of easements and lanes; and Section 27-2104.f regarding multiple tiers of lane lots. Mr. Nelson stated that Mr. Goldthorp had signed the Settlement Agreement, which required the Board's approval and execution.

Ms. Bradley added that the approved Stipulation Plan would still be required to go through the Land Development process.

**MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved execution of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement for Parcel #26-001-095-001 at 179 Sellersville Road for a three-lot subdivision.**

**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 February 20, 2015 for \$290,191.73:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated February 20, 2015 for \$290,191.73.**

**16. Adjournment:**

**MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Helen B. Haun, Chair

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William B. Jones, III, Vice Chair

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A. James Scanzillo, Member

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John A. Bodden, Sr., Member

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Robert V. Cotton, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eileen M. Bradley  
Secretary/Manager