

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2011**

A Worksession Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair William B. Jones, and Members, Jim Scanzillo, and Robert V. Cotton. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor John Rice and Township Engineer Craig Kennard.

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 October 17, 2011 Public Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of October 17, 2011 were approved as written.

6. **Consent Agenda:**

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda item: Manor Drive 18-Month Maintenance Closeout of \$59,771.00.

7. **Preliminary 2012 Budget Discussion:** Ms. Bradley presented the Draft 2012 Preliminary Budget, highlighting changes from prior years and departmental requests, and reflecting no increase in taxes. The 2012 Preliminary Budget will be presented at the November 7, 2011 meeting for preliminary approval and possible adoption at the December 5, 2011 meeting.

During budget discussion, the Board decided to purchase in 2011 a new police vehicle and a salt shed that were proposed for the 2012 Capital Budget.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of a 2011 Crown Victoria for the Police Department for \$23,090.00.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of a temporary salt shed for the Public Works Department at an approximate cost of \$5,000.00.

8. **Other Business:**

- 8.1. **Park and Recreation Report:** Angela Pomeisl reported that at the Park and Recreation Board recommended approval of Lenape Valley Softball's proposal to place a temporary softball field at North Branch Park until the renovations of West Branch Park are completed. The field will be placed in an open area that is not designated for specific field use. The softball field will have a temporary backstop, supplied by Lenape Valley.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved placement of a temporary softball field for use by Lenape Valley Softball.

Angela Pomeisl also presented a proposal from a local Girl Scout, Elizabeth Huhn, who is working on completing her Girl Scout Silver Award. Elizabeth presented to the Park and Recreation Board her proposal to start a recycling program at Highlands Park by installing a recycling bin for bottles, cans, and glass. The bin would be built out of composite wood and be 30” x 36” with a lid. The recycling bin would contain signage and be collected weekly.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Recycling at Highlands Park proposal from Girl Scout Elizabeth Huhn.

Lenape Valley/PA Rush Soccer approached the Park and Recreation Board about the possibility of installing soccer fields at Vertis Park at no cost to the Township, instead of what was currently planned. It was the Park and Recreation Board’s recommendation to not accept this offer from PA Rush Soccer, due to the fact that there is a current plan in place to install a lighted Baseball and lighted Softball field at Vertis Park that the Township has already invested significant time and money in that plan. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the Park and Recreation Board and declined the offer.

8.2. Approval of 2012 Meeting Calendar: Approval of 2012 was tabled for Board review.

9. Payment of Bills: List dated 10/21/11 for \$103,529.60:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated October 21, 2011 for \$103,529.60.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Meeting at 10:15 a.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