

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2010**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 25, 2010, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Jack Bodden, Chairman; Helen Haun, Vice Chairman; William B. Jones, Robert Cotton, and A. James Scanzillo, Members. Also present were: Eileen M. Bradley, Township Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Wayne Fultz, Public Works Foreman; Randy Teschner, Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal; and Peter Nelson, Solicitor.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Bodden called the Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Bodden led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Bodden informed the public that there was an Executive Session held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss land acquisition.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the October 11, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1. Public Works: Mr. Fultz presented the Public Works Report for the month of September 2010. Mr. Fultz informed the Board that the 2010 paving program is complete. All Public Works employees have completed the required Penn Dot flagger training. Mr. Fultz also reported that road bank mowing has begun and all Township parking lots were restriped. Mr. Fultz also informed the Board that the new dump truck arrived today.

6.2. Police Department: The Police Department's Report for the month of September 2010 was presented and reviewed.

6.3. Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal: Mr. Teschner presented the Code Enforcement Report for the month of September, which included 27 building permits issued and 48 building inspections. He also conducted 11 fire inspections. Mr. Teschner also reported 17 fire calls for the month.

7. **Consideration of Old Business:** None

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Resolution 2010-30; Establishing Berkheimer Associates as the Earned Income Tax Collector for properties within New Britain Township that also lie within the North Penn School District.

Ms. Bradley explained to the Board that New Britain Township, while located in Bucks County, also has parcels that are located within the North Penn School District in Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee has appointed Berkheimer to serve as the Earned Income Tax Collector.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2010-30 appointing Berkheimer as the Earned Income Tax Collector solely for those parcels located within New Britain Township that are also located within the North Penn School District.

8.2. Award Vehicle Bids on MuniBid: Ms. Bradley informed the Board two vehicles were placed for bid on MuniBid and recommends the 2001 Ford Expedition be awarded to Kristopher Baccaro of Red Hill, PA at \$3,550.00 and the 1995 Ford L-8000 dump with plow and spreader be awarded to Mike Nice of Perkasio, PA at \$9,200.00. Ms. Bradley further stated we have had tremendous success using electronic bidding over the past two years.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the bid awards as presented.

8.3. Request No Parking signs along New Britain Boulevard: Ms. Bradley informed the Board she received a request from Nappen & Associates requesting a no parking zone along New Britain Boulevard. TEVA has expressed that the parking of trucks along the road creates both security and safety issues for their operations. Mr. Scafidi and Mr. Fultz see no problem with prohibiting parking along New Britain Boulevard.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously authorized the solicitor to prepare an ordinance prohibiting parking along New Britain Boulevard from County Line Road to Trewigtown Road.

9. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Mr. Cotton informed the Board he attended the Burpee Emergency Services Award where Bill Donohoe and Lorraine Yates of the Chalfont Fire Company were presented with awards. The Board congratulated both members for their service to the community.

Mr. Cotton also informed the Board he attended the Route 202 Task Force meeting. A completion date for the 202 Parkway project is scheduled for sometime in 2012.

10. Township Administration Comments:

10.1 Discussion: HB1231 and other legislation: Ms. Bradley reviewed recent legislation passed by the General Assembly that declares any firefighter with four or more continuous years of service who develops any form of cancer is eligible for Worker's Compensation. Mr. Cotton reviewed the history of the legislation.

10.2 Old Iron Hill billing: Ms. Bradley reviewed the recent bill and payment to Doylestown Township regarding the shared traffic signal and paving at Ferry Road and Old Iron Hill Road. Ms. Bradley further stated this invoice is for additional work that was not included in the original agreement. Ms. Bradley suggests we pay \$74,244.03 from account 90-106.990 and consider this matter closed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized the amount of \$74,244.03 as full and final payment of the billing for this project.

11. Solicitor & Engineer Comments:

11.1. Discussion: St. Jude's expiration of LOC and installation of underground infiltration bed.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Scanzillo, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously agreed to table this matter pending the completion of the remaining punch list items.

11.2 Penn Forest/Moser Conditional Use: Solicitor Nelson informed the Board they will need to sign the written decision for the Conditional Use approved at last meeting.

11.3 T-Mobile Conditional Use: Solicitor Nelson presented the written decision of the Conditional Use hearing for the co-location of G-4 Wireless Communication facility upon an existing PECO tower #19-4 located on TMP #26-004-010-002. Solicitor Nelson further read the conditions of approval.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously granted the Conditional Use application of T-Mobile to co-locate a G-4 Wireless Communication facility upon an existing PECO tower.

Mr. Steve Boell, representing T-Mobile, requested the Board consider waiving land development for this project.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously agreed to a waiver of land development subject to a fee-in-lieu of \$10,000.00.

11.4 Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the Township received an assessment appeal for the property located at 1741 Upper Stump Road. Ms. Bradley recommends an appearance by the Solicitor on behalf of the Township at the appeal hearing.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized the Solicitor to attend the assessment appeal hearing to protect Township interests.

12. Other Business: None

13. Payment of Bills: List dated 10/22/10 for \$285,480.00 and List dated 10/22/10 for \$324,794.53:

Mr. Jones informed the Board and the audience that the Bill Lists include the annual MMO payment to the pension plans as well as the annual distribution of fire relief and annual contribution to fire companies serving New Britain Township.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bill Lists as submitted.

14. Public Comment: Mr. Carl Brosious of 1334 Ferry Lane had recently appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board to request a variance in aid of a two-lot subdivision of his property. The Zoning Hearing Board had not rendered a decision and had continued the hearing to November 18. Mr. Brosious said that he would offer to remove a preliminarily approved 5-lot plan of his property and an adjoining property (Parec Homes) instead of deed restricting his lot from further subdivision. Mr. Thomas Ianozzi, representing Mr. Brosious, further discussed Mr. Brosious' offer. The Board determined that staff would hold a meeting to investigate further.

15. Adjournment: Being no further business and upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John A. Bodden, Chair

Helen B. Haun, Vice-Chair

James Scanzillo., Member

Robert V. Cotton, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager