

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2010**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 26, 2010 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: John A. Bodden, Chair, Helen Haun, Vice Chair, William B. Jones, James Scanzillo and Robert Cotton. Also present were: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager; Randall Teschner, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Scafidi, Police Chief; Beth Burke, Administrative Assistant; Jonathan Reiss, Esq.; and Erik Garton, Township Engineer.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Bodden called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Bodden led the Board, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** There were no announcements.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.
5. **Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the April 12, 2010 Meeting as written.

6. Department Reports:

6.1. Public Works: Ms. Bradley gave the March 2010 Public Works Report. She noted that the Public Works Department concentrated on drain cleaning due to the almost 11" of rain during the month of March and that street sweeping had been completed. Ms. Bradley also reported that the entire Public Works crew attended a chainsaw safety class sponsored by DVIT.

6.2. Police Report: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for the month of March 2010, representing 570 incidents for the month.

6.3. Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal Report: Mr. Teschner presented the Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal Report for the month of March 2010. Mr. Teschner reported 16 building permits had been issued and 46 building inspections conducted. There were 21 fire calls.

7. Consideration of Old Business: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that documents relating to Borden Farms had been forwarded to the Township Solicitor for approval and that payment of remaining escrow would not be forthcoming until the Solicitor released the funds.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1. Award of 2010/2011 Fuel Bid: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that Superior Plus, formerly Sunoco, was the lowest bidder on the Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid and noted that Mr. Fultz recommended awarding the bid to them for Unleaded Regular, #2 Heating Oil and On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously awarded the 2010/2011 Fuel Bid to Superior Plus, formerly Sunoco.

8.2. Authorization to advertise Ordinance 2010-05-02; adding a new A13 Pet Resort Use by Conditional Use in the IO Industrial Office District: Ms. Bradley requested the Board's authorization to advertise Ordinance 2010-05-02. She noted that the new proposed Use was at request of an applicant and that the Planning Commission had recommended approval with minor changes to buffering. A review from Bucks County Planning Commission was pending.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of Ordinance 2010-05-02; adding a new A13 Pet Resort Use by Conditional Use in the IO Industrial Office District pending BC Planning Commission review.

8.3. Authorization to advertise Ordinance 2010-05-03; Amending Section 27-2600 Signs of the New Britain Township Zoning Ordinance: Ms. Bradley noted that the amendment would create new categories that would allow for agricultural, real estate and temporary sales signs with a permit and under certain conditions. The current sign regulations remain intact. A review from Bucks County Planning Commission was pending.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of Ordinance 2010-05-03; Amending Section 27-2600 Signs of the New Britain Township Zoning Ordinance pending BC Planning Commission review.

8.4. Authorization to advertise Ordinance 2010-05-04; Providing for Comprehensive Regulation for Solar Energy Systems in the New Britain Township Zoning Ordinance: Ms. Bradley noted that the ordinance provided setback, height, placement and buffering requirements for residential solar panel installation. A review from Bucks County Planning Commission was also pending.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of Ordinance 2010-05-04; Providing for Comprehensive Regulations for Solar Energy Systems in the New Britain Township Zoning Ordinance pending BC Planning Commission review.

9. Board of Supervisors Reports: Mr. Cotton reported that he attended PSATS last week and attended several sessions. He also reported that there was a bill in the General Assembly, HB2431, which would establish the county as the sole form of local government and eliminate municipalities. No action has been taken on HB2431 to date although PSATS is reviewing the bill. Mr. Cotton suggested the Township draft a letter to our elected senator and representative asking that they oppose the bill. Mr. Bodden directed Ms. Bradley to draft a letter and to place information on the Township website and TV Cable Channel. Mrs. Susan Kolterman of Cassandra Drive asked the Board if they would encourage residents to form a task force in petitioning the residents to fight against this bill. The Board encouraged residents to contact their elected representatives in support of their local municipalities.

Mrs. Haun reported that she had also attended PSATS and attended a conference for the Federal Chesapeake Bay Initiative.

10. Township Administration Comments:

10.1. DEP Compliance with Act 101 and 140 Requirements: This agenda item was not discussed as the Board felt it had been previously been covered.

11. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: Mr. Reiss reported that Weaver Companies have signed the Professional Services and Financial Security Agreement which required the Chair to execute.

Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the Township was notified that blasting would be taking place beginning Monday, April 26, 2010 due to the Route 202 Bypass construction. The blasting would take place mainly near Pickertown Road in Warrington. She noted that all residents within 1000 feet had been notified by letter directly.

12. Other Business: None

13. Payment of Bills: A bills list dated April 22, 2010 for \$187,037.90 was presented. Ms. Bradley noted the bulk of the monies paid were for appropriations and distribution of tax revenue to the local fire companies and Ambulance squads.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved the payment of bills as presented.

14. Public Comment:

Mrs. Kolterman questioned the stoppage of work by CNBTJSA along the Cedar Hill Interceptor line. Ms. Bradley responded that a letter had been sent informing the Township and residents that stoppage of work was due to the summer season and the Sewer Authority not wanting to inconvenience residents during prime outdoor activity season. She will contact John Schmidt from the Sewer Authority for more information and contact Mrs. Kolterman.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: Being no further business, and upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John A. Bodden, Chairman

Helen B. Haun, Vice-Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Member

William B. Jones, Member

A. James Scanzillo, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/ Manager