

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2009**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 26, 2009 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Helen B. Haun, Robert V. Cotton, William B. Jones and John Bodden. Also present were: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Wayne Fultz, Superintendent Public Works; Robert Scafidi, Chief of Police; John B. Rice, Solicitor and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Cotton called the meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Cotton led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Cotton announced an Executive Session was held on January 22, 2009 to discuss litigation.
4. **Public Comment:** Mr. Gary Lucas inquired as to the status of the refund for the Curly Mill Road project. Mr. Rice responded that the Township's agreement is with Brookview and he will need corporate documents showing a transfer of ownership to Prime Properties. Mr. Lucas stated he will drop off those documents at Mr. Rice's office tomorrow.
5. **Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2009 Board of Supervisors Workshop:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden the Board approved the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Board of Supervisors Workshop. Mrs. Haun abstained.

6. Departmental Reports:

6.1 Public Works: Mr. Fultz presented the Public Works report for the month of November and December. Highlights of the report include the completion of Old Iron Hill Road, brush removal, construction of the Santa Shop, police station painting, and delivery of a new pick up truck. On December 15th, Ryan Cressman was assigned to the Crew Foreman position, Bill May was assigned to Parks & Recreation and Anthony Passerini was assigned to Public Works. Mr. Fultz reported these assignments are working out well within the department.

6.2 Police Department: Chief Scafidi provided the Board with monthly reports from April through November 2008. He reported Ms. Ambron has been working diligently to catch up with the paperwork. He thanked Ms. Ambron for her efforts. Chief Scafidi reviewed the type and number of incidents occurring throughout the township. He noted the department responds to an average of 30 vehicle accidents per month. Ms. Leslie Bilotta of Beechwood Dr. asked if these accidents occur at specific locations throughout the township. Chief Scafidi responded they occur mostly on our higher volume roads.

6.3 Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal: Mr. Teschner was absent from the meeting, therefore his report was tabled.

7. Consideration of Old Business: Mr. Stephen Noll, Deputy Executive Director of the Bucks County TMA was present to speak about Compressed Natural Gas vehicles. Mr. Noll began by thanking the Board for New Britain Township's membership in TMA, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the state of transportation and transportation facilities. Mr. Noll described the many benefits of Compressed Natural Gas vehicles and highlighted the prime environmental factors. Mr. Noll explained that this is the same gas we use in our households and the vehicle emits 90% less carbon than regular gasoline-powered vehicles. Vehicles are offered through the state contract and there are grants, tax incentives and rebates offered. Mr. Noll also informed the Board the TMA has received a grant to construct a fueling station at the Bucks County Maintenance facility in Doylestown. The fueling station should be operational by June 30th. The Board was very enthusiastic about compressed natural gas vehicles and directed staff to further research for possible future purchase.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1 Ordinance 2009-01-01; To provide for Setbacks for on-lot septic systems: John Rice introduced this ordinance, which amends the zoning ordinance and provides that no portion of an on-lot system or any of its components, including the toe of slope of the berm, shall be installed closer than 10' to a property line or ultimate right of way, or located within an existing easement, or located in a manner that would block any stormwater drainage or swales or flow of stormwater from any lot.

Mrs. Susan Gross commented that she would like to see a maintenance provision in the ordinance. Ms. Bradley informed the Board and audience that she and Ms. Kichline are working on a draft sewage management ordinance that would address maintenance and inspection of on-lot systems.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 2009-01-01 providing for setbacks for on-lot septic systems.

8.2 Authorize Bid Specification for 2009 Road Projects: Ms. Bradley recommended that Mr. Fultz and herself prepare a bid specification package for the 2009 road projects. Ms. Bradley would like to take advantage of possible lower fuel prices as well as getting an early jump on road work.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden the Board unanimously authorized Ms. Bradley and Mr. Fultz to prepare the bid packages for the 2009 road projects.

8.3 Settlement of Litigation: Solicitor Rice informed the Board that he has met earlier this week with the Attorney for the Garabed property and that we may have a resolution. Solicitor Rice requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation immediately following tonight's meeting. A final vote is possible at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

8.4 Discussion: Draft Letter in support of County Line Road/Rt. 309 Improvements: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, is spearheading a project that includes the reconfiguration of the intersection of County Line Road and Route 309. Hatfield is seeking New Britain Township's support for application to the 2009 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to fund a portion of the design cost. This project would benefit New Britain Township.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board directed Ms. Bradley to send a letter of support for the project to the Board of Supervisors of Hatfield Township. The monetary cooperation will be discussed upon approval into the 2009 TIP.

8.5 Authorization to award Duct Cleaning proposal: Ms. Kichline informed the Board that telephonic proposals were sought for duct cleaning in the administration and police portions of the municipal building. Ms. Kichline recommended to the Board that New Britain Township accept the proposal from Scott's Air Duct Cleaning of Huntington Valley. The amount of the proposal is \$2,200.00.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board accepted the proposal from Scott's Air Duct Cleaning in the amount of \$2,200.00.

8.6 Resolution #2009-05; Granting Verizon ROW at 225 Schoolhouse Road: Ms. Kichline presented Resolution #2009-5 which grants Verizon a right-of-way for the installation of phone lines to the cell tower located along Schoolhouse Road.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved Resolution #2009-05 granting a right-of way to Verizon and directed Ms. Kichline to execute same.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones the Board approved the Consent Agenda which includes a Professional Service Agreement for TMP #26-003-042, Final Release for TMP #26-12-50-1 and Escrow Release #7 for TMP #26-1-103-2.

10. Board of Supervisors Reports: Mr. Cotton informed the Board he and Ms. Bradley attended the Route 202 Task Force Meeting. Sections 711 and 721 will be bid in late April and May. The contract is set to be awarded in June/July 2009. Mrs. Haun talked about her recent trip to Africa and the public works activities in those remote areas.

11. Township Administration Comments: Ms. Bradley recommended the purchase of two computers which have been budgeted.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board authorized Ms. Bradley to purchase two computers.

Ms. Bradley informed the Board that she and Ms. Kichline are working on a draft sewage facility maintenance ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate, inspect, and assure maintenance and proper operation of all existing and future on-lot sewage facilities. Mr. Bodden recommended the ordinance include language that an evaluation be done by a certified inspector.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Solicitor Rice updated the Board on the land use appeal of a nearby property owner of the land development plan of the Chalfont Fire Company. Mr. Rice suggested the Board authorize him to enter an appearance and a land use appeal intervention petition.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board authorized the solicitor to enter an appearance on behalf of the Chalfont Fire Company.

13. Other Business: None

14. Payment of Bills: Bill list dated January 23, 2009 in the amount of \$144,248.49:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun the Board approved the bills list dated January 23, 2009 in the amount of \$144,248.49.

15. Public Comment: Mrs. Susan Gross commended the Public Works Department for the brush cutting completed at the intersection of Upper Church Road and King Road.

16. Adjourn:

MOTION: Being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert V. Cotton, Chair

John A. Bodden, Vice-Chair

James Scanzillo., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager