

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2008**

A regular meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 28, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Chair; Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair; and members John A. Bodden, Sr.; and William B. Jones. Also present were: Robert Bender, Interim Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Wayne Fultz, Superintendent Public Works; Randal Teschner, Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal; Robert Scafidi, Chief of Police; John B. Rice, Township Solicitor; and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Scanzillo called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Scanzillo asked Miss Jacquelyn Schneider to lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements from the Chair: None

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2008 Public Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, to approve the January 7, 2008 minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports

6.1. Public Works: Mr. Fultz reported on the November and December 2007 activities of the Public Works Department. He also reported that approximately 600 Christmas Trees have been recycled.

6.2. Police: Chief Scafidi reported on the November 2007 activities of the Police Department.

6.3. Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal: Mr. Teschner reported on the December 2007 activities of the Code Enforcement Office and Fire Marshal.

7. Consideration of Old Business: None

8. New Business

8.1. Certificate of Recognition Award to Jacquelyn Schneider:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, the Board approved and then presented a Certificate of Recognition to Miss Jacquelyn Schneider for her written story as submitted to the *40 Assets Program* being sponsored by Central Bucks Cares program. Jacquelyn was the recipient of the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award from CB Cares for the month of December for the entire Central Bucks School District. The Board presented Jacquelyn a plaque recognizing Jacquelyn's efforts as a model of positive behavior and encouraging good values in the youth of our community.

8.2. Award Bid – Township Newsletter: Ms. Kichline noted that bids were sought for the printing of the quarterly newsletter. Four bids were received.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the Township Newsletter Bid to Tri-County Printers in the amount of \$1,580.00 per issue.

8.3. Roadway Sign Ordinance – Authorization to Advertise: Mr. Bender outlined the problem with illegal signs being posted along roadways, and the township's recent efforts to control them. Mr. Rice then outlined an ordinance that permits township staff to remove illegal signs and issue citations to violators. He requested the Board's authorization to advertise the ordinance. The Supervisors indicated their support of this program as a means to keep the township roads more attractive, as well as to help support our local businesses that obey the law.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Mr. Rice to advertise the Roadway Sign Ordinance.

8.4. Resolution No. 2008-03; Authorization to Approve Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement:

- Limekiln Pike & Upper State Road
- Bristol Road & Upper State Road

Mr. Bender presented the resolution. He reported that PennDOT will install the new signals and New Britain Township will be responsible for their maintenance.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-03; Authorization to Approval Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

8.5. Resolution 2008-04; Authorization to Approve Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement

- Limekiln Pike & Upper State Road
- Bristol Road & Upper State Road

Mr. Bender presented the resolution. He reported that PennDot will install the sidewalk in conjunction with the intersection improvements and New Britain Township will be responsible for the maintenance.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-04; Authorization to Approve Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement.

8.6. Authorization to sign Little Farm Estates Deed of Dedication and Emergency Access Easement: Mr. Bender outlined the history and intent of the easement agreement being to move the LFE driveway from heavily traveled County Line Road, to the lesser traveled Schoolhouse Road. He noted the agreement being presented was prepared by Mr. Rice and was intending to memorialize the long-standing agreement between NBT and the owners of Little Farm Estates.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the chairperson to sign the Little Farm Estates Deed of Dedication and Emergency Access Easement.

8.7. Neighborhood Commercial Zoning Amendment: Mr. Bender reported that he had met last Thursday, and again at 6:15 pm this date with staff, the Solicitor and Engineer to discuss this proposal. He reported that the staff recommendation was that it would be inappropriate to allow any additional use on the site until all required PennDOT road improvements were identified and properly secured. Mr. Bender will set up a meeting with PennDOT and the developer.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this agenda item.

9. Consent Agenda

- Escrow Release #2 – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Professional Services Agreement – Matarese

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda. The Board recommended Escrow Release #2 be approved but not released until cracked sidewalks and other minor issues were repaired.

10. Board of Supervisors Reports: None**11. Township Administration Comments.** None

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Rice reported he received a Conditional Use application to co-locate WTXF-29 Fox. The antenna and equipment would be placed on the American Tower site. He recommended this item be advertised for the February 25, 2008 Board of Supervisor meeting.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Mr. Rice to advertise a Condition Use hearing for WTXF-29 Fox.

13. Other Business: None**14. Payment of Bills:**

- List dated 1/24/08 in the amount of \$182,088.08
- List dated 1/24/08 in the amount of \$19,655.95

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved a bills list dated January 24, 2008 in the amount of \$182,088.08.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously carried, the Board approved a bills list dated January 24, 2008 in the amount of \$19,655.95.

15. Public Comment: Mrs. Browngold, Ferry Road, reminded the Board that Mr. Goodman agreed to install flower boxes at his Route 202 shopping center. Mr. Bender thanked Mrs. Browngold and advised that this will also be discussed with Mr. Goodman.

Leslie Bilotta thanked the Board for their recognition of Jacquelyn and the 40 Assets Program.

16. Executive Session: None

17. Adjournment:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Cathy Kichline
Secretary/Assistant Manager