

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 28, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Helen B. Haun, John A. Bodden, Robert V. Cotton, and William B. Jones. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Peter Nelson.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the Meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements:** Mr. Scanzillo announced that the Board had met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and land acquisition.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment at this time.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**

5.1. Minutes from January 7, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton and carried unanimously, to approve the January 7, 2013 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports:

- 6.1. **Police Department Report:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Report for December 2012.
- 6.2. **Appointment and Swearing in of Corporals:**

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Cotton and carried unanimously, to appoint Jeff Cummins as Detective Corporal, C. Richard Michie as second Corporal, and Mark Duncan as third Corporal.

After appointment, Corporal Jeff Cummins and Corporal Mark Duncan were sworn in by Mr. Scanzillo. Corporal C. Richard Michie was absent and would be sworn in later. Chief Scafidi said a few words regarding the accomplishments of the Corporals as New Britain Township Police Officers.

- 6.3. **Award of Commendation:** Chief Scafidi presented an Award of Commendation for Bravery to Patrolman First Class Robert Burkhardt. On June 17, 2012, PFC Burkhardt responded to a radio call for shots fired to assist the officer on call at Bittersweet Drive in Doylestown Township. Officer Burkhardt took a position on the perimeter of the house from where rifle fire was emitting. He did not retreat from his position, despite coming under fire from the suspect, who fired more than 100 shots over the course of several hours. Officer Burkhardt's actions that day protected life, were done without regard to his personal safety, and were in the highest traditions of the police service.
- 6.4. **Code Department Report for December 2012:** The Code Department Report for December 2012 was accepted as written.
- 6.5. **Public Works Department Report for December 2012:** The Public Works Department Report for December 2012 was accepted as written.
- 6.6. **Zoning Hearing Board Report for 2012:** The Zoning Hearing Board Report for 2012 was accepted as written.

6.7. Planning Commission Report for 2012: The Planning Commission Report for 2012 was accepted as written.

7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business: There was no New Business at this time.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried to approve the West Branch Park/Ply Mar Construction Payment Release #4 in the amount of \$10,144.12.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun announced that she had been appointed Chair of the North Penn Water Authority Board.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Future Stars Record Plan Execution: Ms. Bradley reminded the Board to sign the Future Stars Record Plan after the meeting.

11.2. Resolution #2013-05: Memorializing Temporary Transfer:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution #2013-05, memorializing a temporary transfer of \$25,000 from Capital Reserve Fund to Public Works Debt Service Fund. The transfer would be reversed upon receipt of tax revenues in 2013.

11.3. Resolution #2013-06: Designation of Agent for PEMA Relief Application:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution #2013-06, designating Eileen Bradley as New Britain Township's authorized agent for the PEMA Hurricane Sandy Relief Application .

11.4. Appraisal for Potential Land Acquisition: Ms. Bradley requested Board approval to order an updated appraisal on a potential land acquisition/conservation easement within the Township, should negotiations reach a promising level.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to order an updated appraisal for potential land acquisition in New Britain Township.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Nelson asked the Boards direction with regard to the application of the Skyline Tavern for a Special Exception to erect an outdoor deck. The application would be considered at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of February 21, 2013.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously carried to approve sending Mr. Nelson to the Zoning Hearing Board on February 21, 2013 in regards to the Skyline Tavern Application to preserve the Township's interests.

13. Other Business: There was no Other Business at this time.

14. Payment of Bills:

14.1. Bills List dated January 25, 2013 for \$310,355.20:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated January 25, 2013 for \$310,355.20.

15. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

John A. Bodden, Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager