

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2010**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 28, 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 Bradley, Township Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Robert Scafidi, Police Chief; Ryan Cressman, Public Works Foreman; and John Rice, 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 and personnel matters. Mr. Bodden further stated that there would be a short Executive Session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to further discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Cotton requested agenda items 8.3 and 8.4 be moved to this part of the meeting. Upon approval of the Board, Mr. Cotton asked Officer J. Parker Bullard and Deputy Chief William Fluck come forward to be presented with a proclamation.

Mr. Cotton presented Officer J. Parker Bullard and Deputy Chief William Fluck with resolutions commending both men for their act of bravery and example of excellent cooperation and teamwork exhibited during a vehicle fire on July 13, 2010, which resulted in the successful resolution of a potentially dangerous situation.

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. **Approval of Minutes of June 14, Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the June 14, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

6. **Departmental Reports:**

6.1. Public Works: Mr. Cressman presented the Public Works Report for the month of May 2010. Mr. Cressman reported that patching and prep work is complete on all roads in preparation for the 2010 Road Program. The dump truck was ordered and should be received by January 2011. Maintenance of Township properties accounted for 743 hours.

6.2. Police Department: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for the month of May. Chief Scafidi reported 16 disturbances, 22 vehicle accidents and 526 incidents for the month.

6.3. Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal: The May Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal report will be available next month.

7. **Consideration of Old Business:**

8. **Consideration of New Business:**

8.1. Ordinance 2010-06-01; Providing for an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, appointing the Municipal Utility Alliance as Consultant for the purpose of bidding and

purchasing certain utility products and services: Ms. Bradley explained to the Board that electric generation rate caps are set to expire on January 1, 2011. The cost for generation charges is expected to increase at least 10 to 15%. Energy consultants and electric generation companies are now offering alternatives to PECO as the default supplier. As an alternative, staff is recommending the Township join the Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA) for the purpose of acting as a consultant to local governments in purchasing utility products. The proposed ordinance effectively provides for the Township to join in the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 2010-06-01, providing for an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to join MUA.

8.2. Award Utility Contract to MUA: Ms. Bradley further stated that MUA has partnered with Constellation New Energy to supply electricity to members of the MUA through individual contracts based on buying goals. These buying goals include the term of the proposed electricity supply agreement between Constellation New Energy and each municipal member, and the price at which electricity will be supplied. Ms. Bradley recommends the Board approve a three-year term with Constellation New Energy at a fixed rate of \$.091233 per kWh.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously authorized entering into a three year term with Constellation New Energy for the generation of electricity.

8.3. Resolution 2010-19; In Recognition of Officer J. Parker Bullard: This item was moved to earlier in the meeting.

8.4. Resolution 2010-20; In Recognition of Deputy Chief William Fluck: This item was moved to earlier in the meeting.

8.5. Consider reduction of the Township's application and professional service escrow fees for Minor Subdivision of 425 Old Iron Hill Rd. (Barba), TMP #26-11-35: Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the applicant for this minor subdivision is requesting a reduction of the application fee and professional service escrow fees. Ms. Bradley further stated she supports this request due to a limited amount of legal and engineering work that would be necessary. Solicitor Rice commented the professional service escrow is required to be replenished when it falls below a certain amount. Mr. Cotton added he would support this request if the applicant assured no further subdivision would be done on the property.

Ms. Calash of 425 Old Iron Hill Road informed the Board that the site consists of approximately 5 acres with two residential units located on it; a cape cod structure and a converted barn. Ms. Calash further stated that they would like to move in to the cape cod and sell the converted barn.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board unanimously approved a reduction of the application fee to \$300 and a reduction of the professional service escrow to \$1,500, further requiring no additional subdivision be permitted.

8.6. Consideration/Approval of Fundraising Events: The Veteran's Committee submitted for Board approval a list of fundraising events for the proposed Veteran's Park. Suggested events include Bingo Night, Fall Festival, Silent Auction and Veteran's Ball. While the Board conceptually approves these fundraisers, the Board would like additional information and budget estimates on each suggested event. Ms. Bradley will coordinate with the Veteran's Committee.

9. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Mr. Cotton informed the Board of a Route 202 Task Force meeting scheduled for July 21st. Additional information on the progress of the parkway can be found on the scrollbar on the Township's website.

Mr. Cotton further added the Annual 4th of July Parade is scheduled for July 3rd beginning at 9:30 am. Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be held at the Veteran’s Monument dedicating the bricks and the crests of the five branches of the military.

Mrs. Haun informed the Board that she attend the Green Summit hosted by Gilmore and Associates. She commented on the very informative presentation of Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling and LEED buildings.

10. Township Administration Comments: Ms. Bradley presented to the Board Resolution 2010-21. The resolution opposes the forced consolidation and mergers of local government.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously authorized and supports Resolution 2010-21 and further directed Ms. Bradley to send a copy to all elected legislators in the County.

11. Solicitor & Engineer Comments:

11.1. Determine Default; Skyline Realty Partners: Solicitor Rice informed the Board that he has spoken with representatives of Wells Fargo regarding the Tri-Party Agreement in place with Skyline Realty. Ms. Bradley stated that revised plans have been submitted to PADOT for a revision to ADA ramps. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the ADA ramp replacement. Solicitor Rice suggested the Board defer a decision until such time as PennDot conducts a review of the revised plan.

12. Other Business: None

13. Payment of Bills; list dated 6/28/10 in the amount of \$207,642.82:

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

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Adjournment: Being no further business and upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotton, 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

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