

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair Gregory T. Hood, Vice-Chair Helen B. Haun, Members William B. Jones, III, Cynthia M. Jones, and MaryBeth McCabe, Esq. Also present were Interim Township Manager Michael Walsh, Chief Robert Scafidi, Township Engineer Craig Kennard, and Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, Esq.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Hood called the Meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Hood led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements:** Mr. Hood announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this Meeting to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition, and litigation.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Ms. Mary Anne McBrearty from 115 Dolly Lane expressed her thanks for the Board's approval for continued grass cutting on the Dolly Lane property. She also inquired about animal control. Mr. Walsh mentioned there is always still bait in the boxes when the pest control maintains and reviews the property. Ms. McBrearty inquired about the roof flapping off the side of the Dolly Lane property. Mr. Walsh stated the Township Building Inspector went to the property and determined there was no structural damage. Mr. Hood mentioned it may be a roof vent has ripped off but there is no structural damage. Chief Scafidi noted the owner is in a nursing home. Ms. McCabe mentioned that the Township will not come in to fix the house. The Township cannot justify the cost to improve the property other than clearing the trash, securing the property, continued grass cutting, and current pest control. Mr. Hood stated the Township must wait for the bank to repossess the property. As a resident, Mr. Hood mentioned that Ms. McBrearty may want to take the next step as a private matter since the Township has already done as much as possible.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - 5.1. **Minutes of Meeting of April 5, 2021:**

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe, and unanimously approved to accept the April 5, 2021 Minutes as written.
6. **Departmental Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Code Department Report for March 2021:** Mr. Walsh presented the Code Department Report for March 2021.
 - 6.2 **Police Department Report for March 2021:** Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for March 2021.

Mr. Hood inquired about the Township Police patrolling around Butler. Chief Scafidi stated there were no cars parked where they are not supposed to per Chief Scafidi who was at the location three times this week.

6.3 Public Works Department Report for March 2021: Mr. Walsh presented the Public Works Department Report for February 2021.

Mr. Walsh reported that the Township is under budget with the usage of salt from the past winter. The Road Paving is anticipated to be finalized and to be reviewed at the next Board of Supervisors Work Session on May 17th.

Mr. Walsh mentioned that Mrs. Clancy is in the process of acquiring a quote for the playground equipment at North Branch Park. As far as the North Branch Park Field Dugouts, Mr. Hood mentioned reaching out to the Boy Scouts if the Township supplies the materials if they can set up an Eagle Scout group project. Ms. McCabe mentioned to also investigate a tin roof material as an alternative. The Township Solicitor expressed to have Mr. Teschner review and inspect with his normal process to ensure the Scouts are building it correctly. A Police Report would have to be created and pictures will be sent to Mr. Walsh if an insurance claim will be filed. Ms. McBrearty also made a public comment and asked if an inquiry to the Tech School could be made.

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7. Consideration of Old Business:

7.1 Ordinance # 2021-04-01; Keller Road Bridge Weight Limit: Township Solicitor stated the Ordinance had been advertised and was required to make the new posted weight restriction legally enforceable by Township Police. He stated the ordinance restricted the weight limit to 27 tons or lighter.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved to accept the Ordinance # 2021-04-01; Keller Road Bridge Weight Limit.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.1 Milk House Market: Mr. Bill Muzika from 66 Sellersville Road presented a proposed new additional building to serve as a taproom and grow hops, for Tilt'em Back Brewery. There will be no food service at the new building. Operating from Wednesdays thru Sundays until 11 p.m. Township Solicitor addressed the Board to review the approval of the change to the conservation easement. Specifically, the interpretation of the amendment regarding conditions to consider. Mr. Hood and the Board discussed possible conditions if the conservation easement was to be amended. Ms. McCabe inquired with the Township Solicitor if the proposal is allowed under the conservation easement that Mr. Muzika purchased the property under and suggested the Township Solicitor provide the Board with a legal opinion, prior to any determination. The Board agreed.

The Township Engineer Mr. Kennard mentioned Bucks County Brewery and Township Solicitor mentioned Tabora Farms and Bishop Winery Estates and inquired about conditions attached. Mr. Muzika was informed Land Development and Zoning approvals would be required and parking and stormwater would need to be addressed. The Township Fire Marshal asked Mr. Walsh to ensure Mr. Muzika understood a sprinkler system would have to be installed in the structure.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda Items: Payment Application #1 to Bi-State Construction Company, Inc. for culvert repairs on Walters, Sellersville and Upper Stump Road in the amount of \$78,244.20; Execution of a Professional Service Agreement with George and Gertrude Freas for a property on Upper Stump Road, TMP #26-004-006, with correspond legal and engineering escrow of \$5,000.00; Execution of a Stormwater O&M Agreement with Robert and Linda Livesay for 314 Dorothy Lane, TMP #26-001-125-011, for construction of a swimming pool, with a Stormwater

BMP maintenance fee of \$480.00; Execution of a Professional Service Agreement with Robert and Krystal DeSantis for a property on 109 King Road, TMP #26-004-042, with correspond legal and engineering escrow of \$5,000.00; Execution of a Development Agreement with Wawa, Inc. for a property on 525/527 West Butler Avenue, TMP #26-006-101, 26-006-101-004, and 26-006-101-005, with all corresponding fees and financial security being paid or held in escrow.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Earlier this morning, Ms. McCabe met with Mr. Walsh and Mr. Cressman about the large-scale landscaping and maintenance at the front of the Township Office. Mr. Walsh mentioned the Propane tank located at the front office is 85% full. Mr. Walsh will inquire about the removal of the tank, to which Mr. Hood inquired if a name stamp is on the tank. Mr. Walsh responded he would investigate the matter further. Two years ago, Township Manager Ms. Eileen Bradley and Mr. Chris Green from Gilmore met to discuss a landscape plan for the building when the fence was installed around the Police parking area. Ms. McCabe stated she wanted to wait for the new chief's involvement before proceeding.

Mr. Walsh inquired with the Board about moving forward with the Public Works annual tradition of plantings in preparation for the 4th of July Parade this year. Mr. Kennard suggested to open the project to Landscapers instead of having Gilmore handle the plans. Mrs. Jones mentioned there are volunteer groups with sustainable gardening expertise and the Township will supply the plants. Mr. Walsh will work with Mr. Cressman on a plan.

Mr. Hood inquired with Chief Scafidi regarding school students at Butler Elementary on a Friday or Saturday night. Chief Scafidi has not heard anything. The grounds are open, there are children out there vandalizing. A TV or computer monitor was brought and smashed in the parking lot. At the gaga pit, bamboo was brought in and a roof was made.

11. Administration Comments:

11.1 Bingo & Shred Event Announcements: Bingo is on Friday, April 30th and the event is capped at 150 people. Tickets are still available. On Saturday, May 1st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the Shred & E-Recycling Event that will cost some fees for the residents, but the event goes well each year. PAR-Recycling will be there.

11.2 Disposing of Code Enforcement Vehicle: Mr. Walsh added that the vehicle used by Mr. Skelton for Use & Occupancy Inspections is in disrepair. In place, the Old Parks & Recreation Pick Up Vehicle is to be used as a short-term solution. Mr. Walsh requested the Boards approval to dispose of the vehicle.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved for Mr. Walsh to ask Mr. Cressman to dispose of the Code Enforcement vehicle in disrepair.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There was no Solicitor or Engineer Comments at this time.

13. Public Comment: Mr. Muzika stated he would review the field 5 dugout and see if he and other residents can donate the dugout roof.

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

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated April 21, 2021 for \$4,955.93 (medical reimbursements):

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated April 21, 2021 for \$4,955.93 (medical reimbursements).

15.2. Bills List dated April 21, 2021 for \$122,500:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mrs. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated April 21, 2021 for \$122,500.

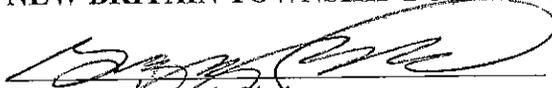
15.3. Bills List dated April 23, 2021 for \$227,565.53:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated April 23, 2021 for \$227,565.53.

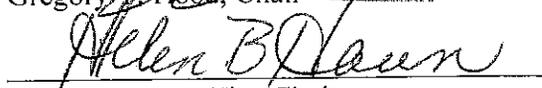
16. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

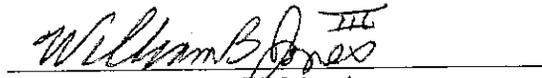
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Gregory T. Hood, Chair



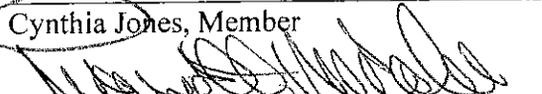
Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair



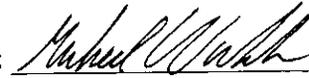
William B. Jones, III, Member



Cynthia Jones, Member



MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

Attest: 

Michael Walsh
Secretary/Interim Manager

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