BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 16, 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 Township Manager Matt West, Assistant Manager Michael Walsh, Police Chief Richard Clowser, 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:** Mrs. Jones made a public statement about an incident at a Central Bucks School District event involving herself and another person. She explained the circumstances leading up to the incident and apologized for her role in the incident.

Alan & Frances Gold and Mary Chalich of Old Iron Hill Road, Beatrice & Michael DeAngelis of Grove Circle, Jim Morano of N. Chapman Road, Terry Young of Walter Road, Kathleen Davis of Clearview, Jim Matthews of Portsmouth Court, Teresa Maida of Sellersville Road, and Maryanne McBrearty of Dolly Lane all made comments in support of Mrs. Jones.

Holly Pulido of Wiltshire Drive stated she appreciated Mrs. Jones apology but felt it was too politicized.

- 5. Approval of Minutes:
- 5.a. Minutes of Meeting of July 19, 2021:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved to accept the July 19, 2021 Minutes as written.

- 6. Departmental Reports:
- **6.a.** Code Department Report for June 2021: Mr. West presented the Code Department Report for July 2021.
- **6.b. Police Department Report for June 2021:** Chief Clowser presented the Police Department Report for July 2021.
- **6.c.** Public Works Department Report for June 2021: Mr. West presented the Public Works Department Report for July 2021.
- 7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business:

8.a. Metro Storage, LLC, 4671 County Line Road, TMP #26-001-005, Maintenance Punchlist & Maintenance Bond: Mr. Nelson and Mr. Kennard informed the Board Metro Storage Maintenance Period was coming to an end and there were some outstanding maintenance issues. Metro Storage, LLC is working to resolve the issues with the Township's professionals and agreed to post a cash escrow for the remaining maintenance items to allow for release of the maintenance bond. Mr. Nelson asked the Board to authorize him to prepare a claim against the maintenance bond due to the timing of the bond expiring and Metro Storage, LLC posting the required escrow.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Nelson prepare the necessary paperwork to make a claim against the maintenance bond, conditioned upon Metro Storage, LLC failing to post the necessary cash escrow to cover the outstanding items.

8.b. Municipal Building: Underground Propane Storage Tank Removal: Mr. West stated Township staff had acquired three quotes for the tanks removal and requested authorization from the Board of Supervisors to have the tank removed.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved the removal of the underground propane storage tank at the municipal building.

9. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe, the Board unanimously approved tabling the following Consent Agenda items: Execution of a Stormwater Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Michael and Julie Duffey for 522 Ferry Road, TMP #26-014-017, with a Stormwater BMP maintenance fee of \$295.00; Execution of a Stormwater Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Robert and Linda Goldman for 42 Barner Road, TMP #26-004-044-001, 26-004-104, & 26-004-106, with a Stormwater BMP maintenance fee of \$509.43; Escrow Release #8 for Hallmark Homes-Mill Ridge LLC for the Mill Ridge Subdivision in the amount of \$20,259.00, leaving \$321,633.09 remaining; Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Prime Custom Builders, LLC for valley Drive, TMP #26-008-157, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$5,000.00; Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Paul and Susan Logan for 12 Newville Road, TMP #26-003-020, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$5,000.00; Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Dale and Julie Wetherwill for 2115 Upper Stump Road, TMP #26-004-018-007, with corresponding legal and engineering escrow of \$5,000.00.

10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: There were no Board of Supervisors' Comments at this time.

11. Administration Comments:

11.a. New Board of Superviors Meeting Schedule: Mr. West stated the Board would be starting their new monthly meeting format starting in September with the first meeting of the month being a work session at 9:00 am and the second monthly meeting to be the business meeting at 7:00 pm.

- **11.b. 2021 Fall Festival:** Mr. West announced the Township would be holding the 11th Annual Veterans Committee Fall Festival on September 18, 2021.
- 12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There were no Solicitor or Engineer Comments at this time.
- 13. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment at this time.
- 14. Other Business: There was no Other Business at this time.
- 15. Payment of Bills:
- 15.a. Bills List dated August 11, 2021 in the amount of \$7,315.12 (medical reimbursements): 15.b. Bills Lists dated July 22, 2021 (2); August 2, 2021; August 5, 2021 (2); and August 11, 2021 in the total amount of \$223,777.92:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 11, 2021 in the amount of \$7,315.12 (medical reimbursements) and the Bills Lists dated July 22, 2021 (2); August 2, 2021; August 5, 2021 (2); and August 11, 2021 in the total amount of \$223,777.92.

18. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mrs. Jones, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gregory T. Hood, Chair

Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair

William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest:

Matt West

Secretary/Township Manager

Cynthia Jones, Member

MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member