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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2021

A Work Session Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.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, 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: There was no Public Comment at this time.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:
- 5.1. Minutes of Meeting of March 1, 2021:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, and unanimously approved to accept the March 1, 2021 Minutes as written.

- 6. Departmental Reports:
- **6.1. Code Department Report for February 2021:** Mr. Walsh presented the Code Department Report for February 2021.
- **6.2.** Police Department Report for February 2021: Chief Scafidi presented the Police Department Report for February 2021.
- **6.3. Public Works Department Report for February 2021:** Mr. Walsh presented the Public Works Department Report for February 2021.
- 7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.
- 8. Consideration of New Business:
- **8.1 Butler Avenue Corridor:** Mr. Walsh stated he would have a more in-depth conversation with the new Township Manager once he comes on board and provided the board with all uses in the various zoning districts along the corridor.

The Board discussed several options for the Butler Avenue Corridor including speaking with property owners, speaking with developers, and finding ways to incentivize businesses to revitalize the corridor.

Mr. Nelson stated he had an acquaintance that he would ask to come and speak at a future work session and provide input on the purpose of the C-1 Commercial District.

- 9. Consent Agenda: There was no Consent Agenda at this time.
- 10. Board of Supervisors' Comments: Mrs. Haun stated the new water line on Ferry Road that was originally scheduled to begin this summer has been placed on hold until the beginning of next summer at the earliest.

Mr. Hood stated a resident had stopped him inquiring about the creek located by 210 and 212 Cornwall Drive There seems to be active blockage from the water in that area. Mr. Walsh will speak with the Public Works Department.

Ms. McCabe thanked the Public Works for their great job plowing.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Setting July 4th Parade Date: Mr. Walsh asked the Board to authorize the 4th of July Parade to take place on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mrs. Jones, and unanimously approved to hold the 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

11.2. 2021 – 2022 Consortium Materials Bid Award: Mr. Walsh stated that the Bucks County Consortium of Communities held a joint Materials Bid on February 26, in which New Britain was the host municipality. Staff recommended the following awards to apparent low bidders: Eureka Stone Quarry for blacktop at \$47.49 per ton and Eureka Stone Quarry for stone of various type and price.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hood, the Board unanimously approved awarding Eureka Stone Quarry for blacktop at \$47.49 per ton and for stone of various type and price.

- 12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:
- 12.1. Keller Road Bridge: Mr. Kennard requested that the preliminary cost and design of Kelly Road Bridge be placed on hold till new Township Manager arrives.
- Mr. Nelson stated he had no solicitor comments at this time.
- 13. Public Comment: Mr. Robert Byrne of Forest Park Drive commented about the Butler Avenue corridor discussion.
- Mr. Hood called for online Public Comment: There was no online Public comment.
- 14. Other Business: There was no Other Business at this time.
- 15. Payment of Bills:
- 15.1. Bills List dated March 1, 2021 for \$4,149.79 (medical reimbursements):

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 1, 2021 for \$4,149.79 (medical reimbursements).

15.2. Bills List dated March 4, 2021 for \$99,495.50:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 4, 2021 for \$99,495.50.

15.3. Bills List dated March 8, 2021 for \$243,038.18:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 8, 2021 for \$243,038.18.

15.4. Bills List dated March 9, 2021 for \$76,573.84:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 9, 2021 for \$76,573.84.

15.5. Bills List dated March 10, 2021 for \$48,515.00:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 10, 2021 for \$48,515.00.

16. 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 10:20 a.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Gregory W. Hood, Chair

Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair

William B. Jones VII, Member

Michael Walsh

Attest:

Secretary/Interim Manager

Cynthia Jones, Member

MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member