

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2023**

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A Business Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair William B. Jones, III, Vice-Chair Stephanie Shortall, Members Cynthia M. Jones, and Gregory Hood (via Zoom). Also present were Township Assistant Manager Michael Walsh, Permit Clerk Chelle Clancy, Police Chief Richard Clowser, Township Engineer Craig Kennard, P.E., and Township Solicitor Sean Gresh.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Jones called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Jones led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Chair Comments:

- A. Mr. Jones announced that the Board had met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel issues, and litigation.
- B. 300th Anniversary Recognition Presentation - State Senator Steve Santarsiero
- C. Employee Service Awards
 - a. Ryan Cressman – Public Works – 20 years
 - b. Robert Skelton – Public Works – 35 years
 Their service to the township is appreciated.

4. Presentation Items:

- A. None at this time

5. Subdivision/ Land Development Projects:

- A. None at this time

6. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

- A. 171 Old Limekiln Pike
- B. 1100 Horizon Drive

Mr. Gresh presented the board with the details of the two Zoning Hearing Board applications. The Board discussed the applications and took no action on them.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion to approve meeting minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the June 19, 2023, Business Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors.

- B. Motion to approve schedule of bills.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Schedule of Bills dated July 11, 2023, in the amount of \$181,544.33, and authorize the Township Manager to pay all bills, per the attachment.

- C. Motion to approve consent agenda.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved all items on the consent agenda, dated July 17, 2023, per the attachment.

D. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-16: Birch Run Conditional Use Adjudication.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 2023-16: Birch Run Conditional Use Adjudication per the attachment.

E. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-17: 137 South Limekiln Pike Planning Module.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried the Board approved Resolution 2023-17: South Limekiln Pike Planning Module per the attachment.

F: Motion to approve providing a letter of support for a DCED Fire Study of Doylestown Fire Company #1.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved providing a letter of support for a DCED Fire Study of Doylestown Fire Company #1 per the attachment.

G: Motion to approve cancellation of the August 7, 2023 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved cancellation of the August 7, 2023 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

H: Motion to approve sale of a 2004 Johnston 605 Series Street Sweeper.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the sale of a 2004 Johnston 605 Series Street Sweeper to Andrew Krauss for \$62,100.00, per the attachment.

I: Motion to accept Petrucci's New Britain Corporate Center bond rider increase.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Petrucci's New Britain Corporate Center bond rider increase, per the attachment.

J: Motion to approve awarding the 2023-2024 Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding the 2023-2024 Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid, per the attachment.

K: Motion to approve the hiring of a new police officer.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring of a new police officer, per the attachments.

K: Motion to support the Bucks County Consortium letter asking Bucks County and the Central Bucks School District to provide an Act 91 Tax Credit to volunteer firefighters.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved supporting the Bucks County Consortium letter asking Bucks County and the Central Bucks School District to provide an Act 91 Tax Credit to volunteer firefighters.

5. Information Items:

- A. Interim Township Manager's Report:** Mr. Walsh thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support over the last 1.5 months.
- B. Departmental Reports:** Mr. Walsh provided the Board with Code, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departmental Reports. Chief Clowser presented the Police Departmental Report. The Board discussed the Departmental Reports.
- C. Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Gresh provided the Board with the Solicitor's Report. The Board discussed the Solicitor's Report.
- D. Engineer's Report:** Mr. Kennard provided the Board with the Engineer's Report. The Board discussed the Engineer's Report. Mr. Kennard also updated the Board about the water issue with the Playground and assistance with the Road Program.

E. Board of Supervisor's Comments:

1. Mrs. Jones –
 - a. Conditional use fees for Toll Bros. Development in regard to Parks and Recreation, Traffic Improvement and Stormwater.
 - b. The Bucks County Herald Article: Heritage Conservatory Land Preservation.
 - c. Environmental Advisory Commission: Starting to take applications. C. Nicholas was suggested as possible staff liaison.
2. Mrs. Shortall –
 - a. Thank you to all volunteers, staff and police for the Tri-Centennial Parade. Greatly appreciated.
3. Mr. Hood -
 - a. There were double the participants at the Tri-Centennial parade than in past years. It was fantastic to see so many spectators.

6. Public Comment:

1. Kathleen Davis of 32 Clearfield Avenue inquired about conditional use in zoning district for Birch Run. Land Development is not yet completed. More reviews are necessary. Also inquired about tree removal funds


- 2. Shawn & Andrew Coleman of 138 Walter Road (Coleman Hay Farms) inquired about Farming for Veterans Park. Neighbors would love it to be farmed. Would BOS consider getting a crop in for the fall. Solicitor checking with the Mr. McElroy from the County. M. Walsh explained process.
- 3. Brigette Kunikorn - Discussed Stormwater issue in her area and how stormwater has affected other municipalities (i.e., Washington Crossing). Concerns about the handling of flooding, tornados and Veterans Park. Mr. Gresh explained handling of PennDOT roads.
- 4. Lynn Johnson of 121 Brittney Drive returned regarding the issue with the sewer authority. Looking for availability of June19, 2023 minutes. Reviewed her timeline of issues with the process. Referred to specific staff and liaison of sewer authority. Referenced Mr. Hood's private cell phone number. The CNBJSA is now helping her.

7. Announcements: Mr. Jones announced that the Board's next meeting was on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and called for a motion to adjourn.

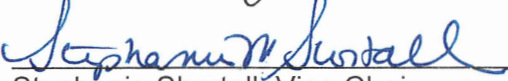
8. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS




 William B. Jones, III, Chair




 Stephanie Shortall, Vice Chair

 Gregory T. Hood, Member



 Cynthia M. Jones, Member



 MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

Attest: 

 Michael Walsh
 Assistant Township Manager