

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2023**

A Business Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 16, 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, Gregory T. Hood, Cynthia M. Jones, and MaryBeth McCabe, Esq. Also present were Interim Township Manager John Granger, Assistant Manager Michael Walsh, 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. Executive Session:

Mr. Jones announced that the Board had met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition, and litigation.

4. **Action Items:**

A. Motion to consider meeting minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the September 25, 2023, Business Meeting and the October 2, 2023, Workshop Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors.

B. Motion to consider schedule of bills

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Schedule of Bills dated October 12, 2023, in the amount of \$316,110.95, and authorize the Township Manager to pay all bills, per the attachment.

C. Motion to consider consent agenda

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board approved all items on the consent agenda, dated October 16, 2023, per the attachment.

D. Motion to consider 2024 Road Program for Bid

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hood, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024 Road Program and authorize advertisement in January 2024, per the attachment.

E. Motion to consider the award of the 1606 Upper State Road – Neshaminy Greenway Trail Bid

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hood, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the base bid and all the alternatives to AH Cornell and Son for the 1606 Upper State Road – Neshaminy Greenway Trail Bid, per the attachments.

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F. Motion to consider authorizing the Township Solicitor to close inactive Legal & Engineering Escrow Accounts

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Hood and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing the Township Solicitor to close inactive Legal & Engineering Escrow Accounts.

G. Motion to consider appointments to the Environmental Advisory Commission

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hood, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Margaret Briggs to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 3-Year Term.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Kathleen Davis to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-Year Term.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mr. Hood and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Kathleen Dutilleul to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-Year Term.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Hood and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Brook Newborn to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 1-Year Term.

Mrs. Jones read a statement stating she disagreed with the appointment of Jamie Walker and felt there were better qualified candidates. Ms. McCabe agreed.

Mrs. Shortall stated it was important for all committees to include differing points of view. Mr. Hood and Mr. Jones agreed.

Brook Newborn, Margaret Briggs, and Kathleen Davis stated this was a non-partisan committee and they hoped all appointed members would work together for the betterment of the community.

Diane Rosencrance asked the Board why her experience was being ignored.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Shortall, seconded by Mr. Hood and carried 3-2, with Mrs. Jones and Ms. McCabe opposed, the Board appointed Jamie Walker to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 1-Year Term.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. McCabe and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Kathleen Davis to the position of Chair for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

H. Motion to consider BCPC Open Space Plan Proposal

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Bucks County Planning Commission's Open Space Plan Proposal, per the attachments, to be paid for using Land Preservation Funds (04).

5. Information Items:

- A. Township Manager's Report:** Mr. Granger provided the Manager's Report. The Board discussed the Manager's Report.
- 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.
- E. Board of Supervisor's Comments:** Mrs. Jones stated she was sorry for lives lost in the Middle East and thanked Supervisor McCabe for looking into the Township's accounts to invest differently to earn additional interest for the Township.

Ms. McCabe expressed her condolences for the lives lost in the Middle East and the Philadelphia Police Officer who was killed.

Mrs. Shortall stated she was looking forward to Trunk-or-Treat and was looking forward to seeing everyone there.

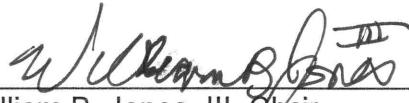
6. Public Comment: Margaret Briggs of Forest Park Drive spoke about the Bristol Road Extension and speeding along Park Avenue, specifically, if the Township could lower the speed limit. Township Staff, Township Professionals, and the Board discussed Ms. Briggs public comment.

7. Announcements: Mr. Jones announced that the Board's next meeting was on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and called for a motion to adjourn.

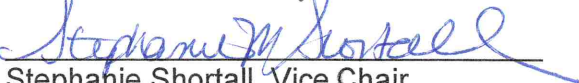
8. Adjournment:

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

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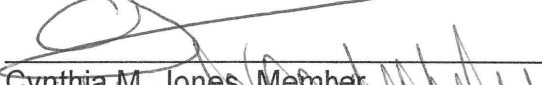


William B. Jones, III, Chair

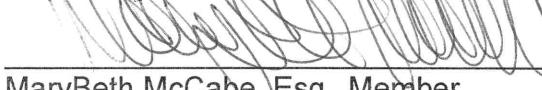


Stephanie Shortall, Vice Chair

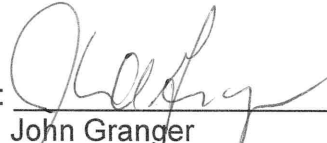
Gregory T. Hood, Member



Cynthia M. Jones, Member



MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

Attest: 

John Granger
Secretary/Interim Manager