BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2023

A Workshop Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 10:00 a.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 John Granger, Assistant Manager Michael Walsh, Police Chief Richard Clowser, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Cressman, Director of Planning & Zoning David Conroy, Township Engineer Craig Kennard, P.E., and Township Solicitor Sean Gresh, Esq.

- 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. Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) Interview
 - 1. Jamie Walker

Mr. Jones asked Ms. Walker to introduce herself to the Board and discuss why she was interested in serving on the EAC. Ms. McCabe asked Ms. Walker several questions following her introductory statements.

- **4. Presentation Items:** (Information only. Possible action to be taken by the Board at the next Business meeting.)
 - A. Bucks County Planning Commission Open Space Plan Proposal

Appearing on behalf of the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) was Evan Stone Executive Director Evan Stone and Director of Community Planning Michael Roedig to present the BCPC Open Space Plan Proposal to the Board. Ms. Bridget Kunakorn of Maple Avenue asked about the survey that was part of the proposal.

The Board discussed the Open Space Plan Proposal and the public comment.

No action was taken.

- **5. Subdivision/Land Development Projects:** (Information only. Possible action to be taken by the Board at the next Business meeting.)
 - A. None
- 6. Zoning Hearing Board Applications:
 - A. NBCC Lot 4 Petrucci
- Mr. Gresh presented the Board with the details of the Zoning Hearing Board application for NBCC Lot 4. The board discussed the application and took no action. The zoning hearing board will decide.
- 7. Information Items:

A. Departmental Updates:

- i. Administration:
 - 1. 2024 Budget Discussion: Mr. Walsh stated the Board had been provided a copy of the 2024 Draft Budget and explained what information had been updated. The Board, the Township Staff, and Township Professionals discussed the 2024 Draft Budget.
- ii. Police: Chief Clowser provided the Police update
- iii. Public Works: Mr. Cressman provided the Public Works update.
- iv. Parks & Recreation: Mr. Cressman provided the Parks & Recreation update.
- v. Finance: Mr. Granger provided the Finance update.
- **B. Board Comments:** Mr. Hood, Mrs. Jones, and Ms. McCabe thanked Township staff, emergency management personnel, volunteers, and sponsors for all their support and hard work in pulling off the 300th Anniversary Celebration Fireworks.

8. Action Items:

A. Motion to consider approval of the 2024-2028 5-Year Capital Plan

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hood, seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024-2028 5-Year Capital Plan, per the attachment.

9. Public Comment:

10. Announcements: Mr. Jones announced that the Board's next meeting was on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., and the Board would be meeting in executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Jones called for a motion to adjourn.

11. 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 at 11:05 a.m.

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William B. Jones, W. Chair

Stephanie Shortall, Vice Chair

Gregory T. Hood, Member

Cynthia M. Jones, Member

MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

Attest:

Michael Walsh

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Manager