

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, January 9, 2017, convened at 8:00 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Chair, Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson, and Secretary, Gail Abel.

**Announcement Period:** Janie Baird announced that a special advertised meeting was held this evening at 7:00pm and was advertised in the Daily Local News for the purpose of discussing a Draft Floodplain Ordinance along with Beth Uhler and Steve Dadio from Cedarville Engineering. Township Solicitor, Kristin Camp was also present at the meeting.

Janie Baird also announced that Cedarville Engineering has submitted a request for a waiver for the 2018 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Newlin had qualified for a Waiver in the previous 2 MS4 permit cycles.

**Comment Period:** Rodney Wynn from 496 Brandywine Drive would like to remind the Board of his request for a burn ordinance to keep burning from within 200' of a dwelling. Janie Baird said this item is being reviewed by Newlin's Planning Commission and is on their January 25<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Scott Nyman, owner of 2094 Strasburg Road, the old Dugal's Restaurant property, is questioning that the alley that runs behind some houses on Strasburg Rd. be abolished. Janie Baird said the Solicitor was consulted and said that whenever plans for the land were drawn up, which included the 20 to 30 foot wide alley (the alley widens behind 2088 Strasburg Road), the alley was never accepted by the Township nor were maintenance or improvements made by the Township in at least the last 21 years. The laws states if no acceptance, maintenance or improvements were made by the Township in 21 years the alley then reverts to the adjacent property owners.

Owners of this alley would then be the property owners on either side of the alley and they would own it to the middle from their side.

Mr. Nyman said he is taking all the right steps to get things taken care of and just wants to make sure there is nothing else needed from him.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, December 12, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous

The minutes of the Board of Supervisor annual re-organization meeting, held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** Read by Gail Abel. Bob Pearson made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Bill Kelsall.

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**Emergency Services:**

West Bradford Fire Company: December report was received, 29 total calls, zero in Newlin, with a total of 362 for 2016.

Modena Fire Company: December report was received, 24 total calls, 2 in Newlin, with a total of 286 for 2016.

Po Mar Lin Fire Company: December report was received, 20 total calls, 2 in Newlin, with a total of 254 for 2016.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: December report was received showing 0 calls in Newlin, with a total of 438 for 2016.

Longwood Ambulance: report not received

**Right to Know Requests:** The Township had one right to know requests since the last meeting.

**Agricultural Preservation Zoning:** Janie Baird announced that a letter went out to the residents that were within the proposed AP Zoning area on December 13<sup>th</sup>. In attendance for questions were Solicitor, Kristin Camp along with Land Planner, Ann Hutchinson from Natural Lands Trust. Janie Baird announced that in January, 2011 Newlin adopted the Unionville Area Regional Comprehensive Plan. The future Land Use Map included an Agricultural Preservation area designation for the southwest quadrant of Newlin Township, as well as portions of East Marlborough and West Marlborough Townships for a total acreage in all three townships of 17,700 with 2,352 in Newlin. Newlin needs to rezone this area to be in compliance with the Regional Plan.

Several Newlin residents were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions and share any thoughts they had.

**Flood Plain Ordinance Review:** Janie Baird announced The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has updated floodplain mapping for selected branches within the Brandywine-Christina Watershed in Chester County and have issued Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). As a result the map updates, all municipalities in Chester County are required to update, adopt, and receive approval of their floodplain ordinance from FEMA. The ordinance update is a requirement for the residents to be eligible to enroll in the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Program. There was a meeting earlier tonight with Cedarville Engineering and the Solicitor and there is a timeline that is required.

Bob Pearson said this is a passed down un-funded mandate.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Janie Baird made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Abel  
Recording Secretary

