

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2017

The Newlin Township Board of Supervisors held a special session for the purpose of the discussing a Draft Floodplain Ordinance on Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00pm at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. The meeting, which was advertised in the Daily Local News on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, was open to the public.

In attendance were Supervisors Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson and Secretary, Gail Abel along with Solicitor, Kristin Camp.

Beth Uhler and Steve Dadio from Cedarville Engineering joined the meeting to present to the Board a draft floodplain ordinance which was provided by Leslie Rhoads, contractor for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

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 resident eligibility to enroll in the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Program.

Kristin Camp said she is not sure if it is the easiest ordinance to administer, but certain specific sections need to be the way FEMA suggests. The Township needs to have official designation of a flood plain coordinator. The model ordinance is a one size fits all. Cedarville Engineering submitted the Township's current Floodplain Ordinance to DCED contractor, Leslie Rhoads. Ms. Rhoads provided a response that included a draft model ordinance that she modified per the standards in the current floodplain ordinance (Section 401 of the Zoning Ordinance), and revisions to the definitions section of the current ordinance (Section 201 of the Zoning Ordinance). The intent is to amend Section 201 per Ms. Rhoads' comments and repeal Section 401 and replace it with the modified model ordinance. After discussion it was determined it is easier and more cost effective to adopt the model ordinance with revisions from Ms. Rhoads because the changes were specific to the Newlin Ordinance.

Kristin Camp and Beth Uhler agreed that they would coordinate the way forward.

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

