

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Jim Cornell (Vice-Chair), Bob Pearson and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

**Announcements:** No announcements.

**Comments:** Amy Swift voiced frustration that representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") were not present for a presentation or update. She noted that although her well water had tested over EPA's safety limit, she had still not received either bottled water nor pitcher filters, and stressed the need for a more permanent solution.

Ray Rissmiller commented that he was not receiving bottled water either, and that his well water is so contaminated that he needed to double the pitcher filtration. He asked whether any companies that had deposited waste in the Strasburg Landfill were still in business, and wondered whether residents could pursue legal options. Mr. Pearson said that he thought all of those companies had gone bankrupt. Erica Lee pointed that E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. ("DuPont"), which had invented PFAS, was still in business.

Chrissy Rissmiller said that the pitcher filters of the brand EPA was providing did not remove PFAS as well as advertised, and that Mr. Greaves was not returning her phone calls. She voiced concern regarding both the health of her family and their investment in their Wheatland Drive home.

Kelly Delong advised that she had contacted water companies and that it would cost her around \$25,000 to hook up to their water system. She praised Newlin Township as a great township in a great school system, but noted that the residents we need local support for the PFAS problem.

Mary Jo Hrubiec stated that there is a two-year statute of limitations for claims against EPA, and that November 9, 2024 will mark the end of the first year.

Mary Ann Mullen said she is looking into alternate water filtration systems.

Deb Torchiana advised that Mike Paluso at 1004 Wheatland Drive was never contacted for his water to be tested.

Mr. Pearson advised that the Supervisors will be meeting with EPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Congressional Representative Chrissy Houlihan in the near future to discuss the Strasburg Landfill situation.

Ed Lewis said that due to a serious drought, the stream running through his property is currently dry. He suggested that an announcement be added to the Township website to caution against outdoor burning.



Jenny Cassidy inquired about the trees on the vacated portion of Laurel Road. She said electric power goes out frequently, and that with winter and ice coming she had concerns that if the trees are not properly maintained, power outages will increase. Mr. Pearson noted that the Township has no responsibility to clear that vacated portion, adding that PECO's recently-announced Reliability and Resiliency Plan's provides for removal of the power lines from that vacated portion during 2025.

**Minutes for Approval:** Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Board Meeting. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved by both of them (Mr. Kelsall abstaining because he was not present at the August meeting). She next presented the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Board Meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to amend and approve those minutes (striking the section entitled "Minutes for Approval"), was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and approved by both of them (Mr. Cornell abstaining because he was not present at the September meeting). Finally, she presented the minutes of the September 25, 2024 Budget Work Session. Mr. Cornell's motion to amend and approve those minutes (substituting "Mr. Kelsall" for "Mr. Pearson" as the person moving for adjournment) was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and approved by both of them (Mr. Pearson abstaining because he was not present at that Budget Work Session).

**Financial Report:** Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of September 30, 2024, the Township had \$672,43.96 on deposit, including \$325,831.88 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represents a net increase of \$4,001.49 since August 31, 2024. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Substitution of Bank Account:** Ms. Abel recommended the closure of the Township's First Bank Savings account (which only yields interest at 0.90%) and transfer the funds from that account to the Township's TD Bank Money Market Account (which yields interest at 2.67%). Mr. Pearson's motion to approve Ms. Abel's request was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Bill Payment Authorization:** Ms. Abel presented a list of pending bills, invoices, and other recurring/routine payments totaling \$91,177.58 (\$46,523.18 from the General Fund Account, \$8,879.40 from the Open Space Fund Account and \$35,775 from the Fire & EMS Fund Account) and requested payment authorization. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Snow Removal Bid Opening for 2024-2025 Winter Season:** Ms. Abel advised that bidding for the 2024-2025 snow season had been advertised in the Daily Local News on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that the ad had also been posted on the Township website. Mr. Pearson reviewed sole bid submitted in response to those ads: D.T. Taylor Excavating LLC offered a Tandem axle dump truck with plow and spreader @ \$240.00/hr; a 6500 Single Axle Dump Truck with 10' power angle plow and spreader @ \$200.00/hr; and a 4x4 Truck with 8' plow @ \$150.00/hr. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the D.T. Taylor Excavating LLC bid for the 2024-2025 Snow Season was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

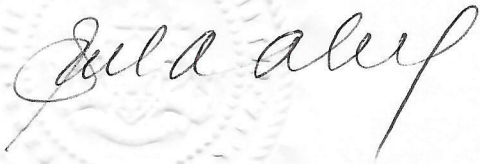
**Road Master Update:** Mr. Pearson advised that the Township had recently replaced three failed pipes on Cannery Road, and had completed an emergency metal pipe replacement on Laurel Road. That work was completed the day after Jack Bailey alerted the Township of the problem.

Amy Swift voiced concern about the erosion near the big rocks on Laurel Road. Mr. Pearson assured her that the Township monitors this on a regular basis.

**Adjournment:** Upon Mr. Cornell's motion, seconded by Mr. Pearson, the meeting was adjourned.

Time: 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Abel, Secretary



*Gail Abel*

