Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2025

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025 at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Jim Cornell (Chair), Bill Kelsall (Vice-Chair), Bob Pearson and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

Announcements: Mr. Cornell made three announcements.

He first advised that the Supervisors would be conducting their second Budget Work Session at the Township Maintenance Facility on October 22 following the October Planning Commission meeting, which starts at 7:30 PM.

He next reported that EPA's Region 3 had adopted the Supervisors' proposed "combined solution" to the Strasburg Landfill PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) problem: Initial installation of Point of Entry Treatment Systems in the affected or potentially affected homes, then - upon completion of a newly-constructed public water line a few years later - connection of those homes to public water.

He noted that that solution will be subject to funding approval by EPA's "Priority Panel". He added that the Township's EPA contact, David Greaves, believes that the Priority Panel will assign a high priority to Region III's combined solution, since the PFAS from the Strasburg Landfill are affecting residents' drinking water and that Mr. Greaves expects a Priority Panel decision before year-end, to be followed by EPA communications with affected residents early in 2026.

Mr. Cornell cautioned the Federal government shutdown could alter that timetable. He advised that the Supervisors would be posting Region 3's Record of Decision on the Township's website under "News & Events".

Finally, he referenced a recent notification that PECO would be initiating a vegetation project in Newlin Township in order to improve reliability, involving portions of Powell Road (from Route 162 to Scott Road) and Route 162 (from Stargazer Road to about midway between Brandywine Creek Road and the East Marlborough border), in order to improve reliability issues directly related to vegetation. He advised that PECO plans start the survey work in October, with any identified tree work expected to start in January. He noted that PECO will notify homeowners to discuss any identified tree trimming removals.

Comments: Rich Mitchell inquired why PECO cutting large trees that are still alive and leaving the stragglers. No explanation was forthcoming.

Minutes for Approval: Ms. Abel first presented the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting. Mr. Kelsall's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and approved by majority vote (Mr. Pearson abstaining because he was not present at that meeting).

Ms. Abel next presented the minutes of the September 24, 2025 Budget Work Session. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and approved by majority vote (Mr. Kelsall abstaining because he was not present at that meeting).

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of September 30, 2025 the Township had $771,912.86 on deposit, including $340,521.54 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net decrease of $27,916.27 since August 31, 2025. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Bill Payment Authorization: Ms. Abel presented a list of pending bills, invoices, and other recurring/routine payments totaling $280,183.14 ($193,607.39 from the General Fund Account, $42,945.75 from the Fire and EMS Tax Account, and $43,630.00 from the State Liquid Fuel Account) and requested payment authorization. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Snow Removal Bid Opening for 2025-2026 Winter Season: Ms. Abel advised that bidding for the 2025-2026 snow season had been advertised in the Daily Local News on September 17th and 24th, and that the ad had also been posted on the Township website. Mr. Pearson reviewed sole bid submitted in response to those ads: Angelini's Land Management LLC ("Angelini's") had offered a 10-Wheel dump truck with 11-foot power angle plow and spreader @ $248.00/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 advised that Don Taylor (who had previously been the Township's snow removal contractor) had sold his business to Angelini's. Mr. Kelsall's motion to accept the Angelini's Land Management LLC bid for the 2025-2026 Snow Season was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

RoadMaster Update: Mr. Pearson announced that the Township was finishing the final areas of Laurel Road, that the Kelsall Road project is finished, and that Assistant RoadMaster Barbara Forney and Ms. Abel were working on the completion reports for both grant projects. He advised that that Township would be applying for a low volume grant and do some improvements on Youngs Road in 2026 (involving widening to match the work on Laurel Road). He also noted that Rob Mastrippolito has found a local, part-time roadwork employee, Joe Colella, who knows the area. Richard Mitchell commented that he was pleased that an additional worker had been hired, as that would improve safety for both workers and travelers.

The additional comment by Ms. Forney was a "shout-out" to the road crew for their perseverance over a hot summer to get the Laurel Road project completed.

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

Time: 7:42 pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary

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