

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2016

Call to Order: The monthly Board of Supervisors' meeting of Monday, November 14, 2016, 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 last year the Township applied for a Multi Modal Grant for Laurel Road which was not approved. Being encouraged to re-apply, the Township did this year. The results were to be published in November but it was postponed until December.

Comment Period: Jack Law, from 108 Garnet Lane, also Chief of West Bradford Fire Company, would like to request that the Supervisors enact some type of burning ordinance. He and others spent several hours on Sunday on Brandywine Drive. This has been an on-going neighbor complaint. Jack is not asking to prohibit burning but to put something on the books to allow fire chiefs and the fire marshal to extinguish and enforce the burn.

Rodney Wynn from Brandywine Drive also asked the Board to please consider an ordinance to allow enforcement.

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting, held on Monday, October 10, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Pearson and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' budget work session held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Janie Baird.

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

Emergency Services:

West Bradford Fire Company: October report was received, 29 total calls, zero in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: October report was received, 72 total calls, 1 in Newlin.

Po Mar Lin Fire Company: not received

Good Fellowship Ambulance: October report was received showing 2 calls in Newlin.

Longwood Ambulance: no report

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

Ridings Way Final Escrow Request: Bill Freas developer of Ridings Way was not present to ask for the release, therefore the Board did not consider the final escrow release.

Fire & EMS Committee By: Bennett Baird: Bennett Baird provided the Board an update on the Kennett Area Regional Group for Fire & EMS Services (KARG):

- Bill Kelsall and Bennett Baird are the Newlin Representatives to this Group. The other 5 Municipalities are East Marlborough, Kennett Township, Kennett Borough, Pocopson, and Pennsbury.
- This Region is served by 3 Companies: Longwood, PML, and Kennett Fire Company. We're only including the area of Newlin covered by these FC's.....about 65% of the Township. The rest of Newlin is served by Modena, West Bradford, & Good Fellowship. The focus of this report is on the KARG effort.
- First, it's important to emphasize that all these Municipalities believe that we have excellent Fire&EMS service, and we're fortunate to have these Emergency Responders, esp. the Volunteer Firefighters.
- The problem that we have is the COST. The Muni's are concerned that the cost is higher than it has to be & that we have inadequate control of cost; while the Service Providers think that we're not paying enough. It's clear that we don't have in place a good way to manage this financial issue.
- Last fall KARG hired a highly respected Consultant (VFIS) to complete a study of our Region and recommend a course of action. They've done a good job for us.
- The Consultants have recommended that we form a Kennett Area District Commission to manage Fire & EMS for the District, including hiring an Administrator or Commissioner. The Commissioner would report to the District Board made up of 2 Representatives from each Municipality. The Commission would decide overall strategic issues, including the Fire & EMS budget.
- The Service Providers would remain independent Companies responsible for their individual operations; but will be expected to develop into a Cooperative Alliance, esp. from a cost perspective, rationalizing and sharing Assets across the District.
- The cost allocation formula is based on Call History, Population and Assessed Value. Newlin's share would be 2.8%. Our current contribution amounts to 2.0%.
- Next steps are:
 - Meet with each FC this week to discuss their reaction to the Consultant Study.
 - Consultants issue Final Draft of the Study.
 - Municipalities approve an Intergovernmental Agreement to set up the Commission.

Bob Pearson made a motion for the Board to move forward, Janie Baird seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Open Space Referendum: The Open Space Tax referendum passed with 60% of voters in favor. At the January re-organizational meeting the Board will adopt a resolution to enact the tax. The Board cannot raise the tax rate without another referendum. The Board does have the option to not enact the tax for a particular year. The Board will appoint an open space committee to receive applications and provide a report to the Board for consideration.

NPDES MS4 Permit: NPDES MS4 permit National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Janie Baird reported:

Newlin has been exempt from MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requirements in the past by the granting of a waiver from DEP (Dept. of Environmental Protection). That exemption was due to a very small area of Newlin in the Philadelphia urbanized area and the small population of Newlin.

Because the Township has MS4 discharges to waters subject to the EPA Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and in addition to guidance presented by DEP in a Sept. 2016 training session, there is a strong possibility that advanced written approval of the waiver will not be granted.

Cedarville Engineering has prepared supporting information for an advanced written waiver approval however if the waiver is not approved, the information will be used to complete the remainder of the task items required for the application of the 2018 NPDES MS4 individual permit.

The TMDL plan is required to demonstrate that Nutrient and low dissolved Oxygen and daily loads for bacteria and sediment will be reduced by the required percentage over the 5 year permit term.

We have received a cost proposal from Cedarville for completing the project of \$17,115.00. We have provided for this extra expense in the proposed Township budget.

Bob Pearson made a motion to sign and accept the proposal for completing the project, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed Budget: The State Budget and The General Fund was reviewed. A few highlights were discussed from the 2016 budget. A copy of the budget was made available for those in attendance. The 2017 budget will be presented for adoption at the December 12th meeting and was advertised in The Daily Local News for review as per the MPC requirements.

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

Time:
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel
Recording Secretary

