

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

December 12, 2016

Call to Order: The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, December 12, 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: We have been informed by Cedarville Engineering that our application for a multi-modal grant for Laurel Rd. from the Commonwealth Financing Authority was turned down. This is the 2nd year that we have tried for this grant. We are still investigating a way forward to repair Laurel Road.

Jerry McCormick inquired about how the grant results are determined. The Board explained several of the awards in Chester County were for trails and one for a large intersection. Chester County also did not receive the highest funding.

Ben Barnett and Missy Shaffer were unable to be present tonight but have asked us to thank Barb Forney and Bob Pearson for all their work and effort in repairing and re-grading the lower part of Hilltop View Road and Bob Pearson and the Board for getting the upper section of Hilltop View Road paved. They very much appreciate the improvements.

By way of background, the Chester County Conservation provided a grant to cover a significant portion of the costs involved in the lower part of the road.

Comment Period: There were no public comments

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, November 14, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Janie Baird .

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

Emergency Services:

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

Modena Fire Company: November report was received, 77 total calls, 1 in Newlin.

Po Mar Lin Fire Company: November report was received, 24 total calls, 1 in Newlin.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: November report was received showing 3 calls in Newlin.

Longwood Ambulance: report not received

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

William Freas-Ridings Way-Final Escrow Release: Bill Freas was present to request the final escrow for Ridings Way Sub-Division. A letter of recommendation was received from Cedarville Engineering dated October 27, 2016. Bill Kelsall made a motion to release the final escrow as per Cedarville's instruction, Janie Baird seconded.

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Burn Ordinance: At the November meeting, Jack Law, Fire Chief for West Bradford Fire Co. and Rob Mastrippolito, Newlin Fire Marshall, requested some legal backing from the Township in order to enforce safe burning in Newlin. A resident also made the request. After researching other ordinances in Chester County, it wasn't obvious that any other township had exactly what we were looking for in an ordinance for Newlin. Pocopson had a section that looked like something we might want to use. The need for and research of a "burn ordinance" was presented at our Planning Commission's meeting on December 7th. The PC has taken this need under their wing and will be working on a proposal for an ordinance amendment.

Jerry McCormick inquired about the need for such ordinance. The Board explained the dangerous situation that took place recently and the fire companies had no authority to put out the fire.

Open Space Committee: The Board committed to an Open Space Committee if the Open Space tax referendum passed on November 8th. The committee will be officially installed at the Re-organizational meeting, January 3rd. These people have agreed to serve: Missy Shaffer, Fred Roberts, Janet Sidewater and Joe Torchianna. Janie Baird will be an *x officio* member of the committee

Accept VFIS (Consultant for Kennett Area Regional Group (KARG)) Report: Bill Kelsall provided a brief overview of KARG. He asked the Board to formally accept the report. Janie Baird made a motion to accept the KARG report, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Agricultural Preservation Zoning: During the last two years the Board of Supervisors along with the Planning Commission met with Ann Hutchinson, Land Planner from NLT and Kristin Camp, Esq. to put together an ordinance to meet Newlin's commitment to the Unionville Regional Comprehensive Plan. The advantage of the Regional Plan is that Newlin does not have to provide all uses because East Marlborough and West Marlborough provide what Newlin does not. The proposed ordinance, along with a map showing the Agricultural Preservation Area, needs to be sent to the Chester County Planning Commission and the regional group for their 30 day review. Bob Pearson made a motion to forward the proposed ordinance and map to the CCPC and the regional group for review, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

2017 Budget Adoption: The 2017 proposed budget was advertised in the Daily Local News for public inspection on November 18th. Copies were made available to those in attendance. Bob Pearson made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel
Recording Secretary

