

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Jim Cornell (Vice-Chair), and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel. Bob Pearson was unable to attend.

Announcements: Mr. Kelsall announced that Janet Sidewater had resigned as Chair of the Open Space Committee and recognized her many years of leadership in preserving open space in Newlin Township.

Mr. Cornell noted that during the discussion of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ("PFAS") at last month's meeting, David Greaves, Remedial Project Manager for Region III of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), had indicated that EPA might decide to distribute bottled water to affected residences instead of the ZeroWater pitchers currently being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He advised that in a post-meeting phone call, Mr. Greaves had clarified that since EPA did not currently have authority to provide interim drinking water solutions, it could only distribute bottled water after publication of its "Record of Decision" (currently scheduled for June 2025). He urged residents to request a switch to bottled water (pending EPA's implementation of a permanent solution) at the public hearing that EPA had said would occur in March 2025.

Comments: No public comments.

Minutes for Approval: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the November 11, 2024, Board Meeting. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of November 30, 2024, the Township had \$800,259.78 on deposit, including \$459,400.16 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net increase of \$127,785.82 since October 31, 2024. Mr. Cornell'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 \$71,448.27 from the General Fund Account, and requested payment authorization. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Laurel Road Culvert Project: Mr. Kelsall advised that the Township needed easement agreements from two landowners in order to proceed with work on the Laurel Road culvert project. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve an easement agreement with Barry G. Jackson and Barbara Jackson (922 Laurel Road (UPI: 49-1-38)) and an easement agreement with Laughton Company, LLC (911 Laurel Road (UPI: 49-1-17.4)) was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Road Master Update: Stepping in for the absent Road Master (Mr. Pearson), Mr. Kelsall advised that work had begun on the Marlboro Springs Road project, but that that project would not

be completed until 2025. He also noted that the planned Laurel Road culvert project will get underway in 2025.

Budget Adoption 2025: Mr. Kelsall reviewed the Township's proposed 2025 Budget, confirming that there had been no changes from the proposed Budget presented at the Supervisors' November meeting. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve the proposed 2025 Budget was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

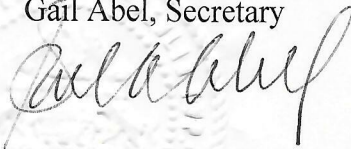
Erica Lee asked to make a late comment: She suggested that the Township arrange an annual "good neighbor day", such as a coat drive, a toy drive or something that members of the community could do together to make a difference. In the ensuing discussion, Mr. Cornell suggested that the Township could establish a presence at one of the annual events at the Modena Fire Company or the West Bradford Fire Company. Mr. Kelsall confirmed that the Supervisors would explore "good neighbor day" possibilities.

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

Time: 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Abel", is written over a faint circular seal. The seal contains the text "TOWNSHIP OF MODENA" around the perimeter and a central emblem.