

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025**

**Call to Order:** The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025 at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Jim Cornell (Chair), Bill Kelsall (Vice-Chair), and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel. Bob Pearson was unable to attend.

**Announcements:** No Announcements.

**Comments:** Colleen Gallagher voiced concerns about traffic and trash on Hilltop View Road and Brandywine Creek Road. She was also concerned that when the vegetation blooms back out in the Spring, drivers will not be able to see adequately around the bends in those roads, and opined that neither additional signage nor radar speed signs would help. Mr. Cornell advised that this topic would be addressed during the Roadmaster Update.

**Minutes for Approval:** Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Board Meeting. Mr. Kelsall's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of January 31, 2025, the Township had \$561,291.86 on deposit, including \$293,153.22 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net decrease of \$183,196.41 since December 31, 2024. Mr. Kelsall's motion to accept the Financial Report 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 \$56,569.02 (from the General Fund Account) and requested payment authorization. Mr. Kelsall's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Roadmaster Update:** Mr. Cornell said that in the Roadmaster's absence, he would present some roadway information:

He advised that several residents had voiced concern about the increased traffic - and increased speeding - on Brandywine Creek Road after the temporary closure of Doe Run Bridge on Route 82 (noting that Brandywine Creek Road is a state road); that in January, he had sent a letter to PennDOT asking them to consider installing temporary speed bumps until the Doe Run Bridge reopens; and that three days ago PennDOT had rejected the speed bumps idea for various reasons. At the request of those attending, Mr. Cornell enumerated those reasons:

- Because the length of the road, a significant number (not just one or two) temporary speed bumps would have to be installed at various locations to be effective.
- The majority of Brandywine Creek Rd. is not wide enough to properly install temporary speed bumps.
- There may not be enough road base to the secure temporary speed bumps to the road surface, so they might loosen and present a safety hazard for drivers and cyclists.

- Temporary speed bumps would create a snow removal issue.

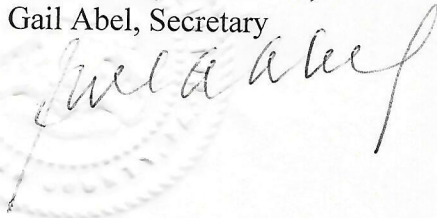
He further advised that PennDOT had instead undertaken (i) to install two "speed trailers" (which are mobile radar speed signs) on the straightaway shortly before Strasburg Road and (ii) to authorize the Township to replace the current 35 MPH Speed Limit sign along the East Fal-lowfield portion of Brandywine Creek Road (near Strasburg Road) with a 25 MPH sign, which will match the 25 MPH signs along the rest of the road. A number of residents voiced skepti-cism as to the effectiveness of these measures, as well as the unresponsiveness of the State Police to recent requests they begin patrolling Brandywine Creek Road. Ms. Abel noted that in the past, multiple requests from residents had succeeded in prompting the State Police to take action. Ms. Gallagher advised that she would see if State Representative Christina Sappey could con-vince PennDOT to rethink its decision on temporary speedbumps.

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

Time: 7:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Abel", is written over a faint circular official seal.