

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

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 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: No Announcements from the Board. Erica Lee announced that she was video-recording the meeting.

Comments: Mr. Amy Swift asked whether the Environmental Protection Agency had notified the Board of any scheduled update on the Strasburg Landfill PFAS problem. Mr. Cornell replied, "We have no news on that." Joe Torchiana requested that a letter of thanks be sent out for the prompt and effective response of the firefighters from a large number of fire companies at the fire that occurred last weekend near the Strasburg Landfill. Frank Dowlin from Modena Fire Company offered a list of those who participated. Erica Lee added her thanks to the firefighters.

Minutes for Approval: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Board Meeting. Mr. Kelsall's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and approved by majority vote (Mr. Pearson abstaining, as he was not present at the February meeting).

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of February 28, 2025 the Township had \$568,919.79 on deposit, including \$296,495.61 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net increase of \$7,627.93 since January 31, 2025. Mr. Kelsall's motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

Bill Payment Authorization: Ms. Abel presented a list of pending bills, invoices, and other recurring/routine payments totaling \$35,811.35 (\$33,102.18 from the General Fund Account and \$2,709.71 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.

Ready ChesCo Alert System Discussion: Mr. Cornell noted that in light of residents' recently expressed concerns regarding the need for timely, reliable information from the Township when dangerous events arise (such as last weekend's 16-acre fire near the Strasburg Landfill), it would be useful for the Supervisors to discuss and clarify the Township's use of the ReadyChesCo Alert System.

After an extended discussion, with significant contributions from residents (including Jack Law (West Bradford Fire Chief), Erica Lee, Amy Swift, Erin Finnerty and Joe Torchiana, as well as Rich Hicks (the Township's non-resident) Emergency Coordinator), the Supervisors arrived at the following consensus:

- The Township's ReadyChesCo alerts will include not only major emergencies, but also dangerous events or conditions that might cause residents to be concerned or alarmed (e.g., brush fires, even if "contained").
- The Emergency Coordinator has the sole responsibility for inputting alerts into the ReadyChesCo system; provided, that:
 - Rob Mastrippolito is "deputized" to assume this responsibility whenever the Emergency Coordinator is unavailable.
 - Mr. Mastrippolito should also alert the Township Secretary whenever he becomes aware of an event that will cause temporary or extended road closures (e.g., downed trees, Township roadwork, planned PECO activities). The Township Secretary should then input a "Traffic Alert" into the ReadyChesco system referencing the event, the location and the expected duration.
 - For extended road closures, the Township Secretary may also elect to display the "Traffic Alert" in the "News and Events" section of the Township's website.

Road Master Update: Mr. Pearson advised that pothole patching around the Township will start soon, and the Marlboro Springs Road project will continue and finish this Spring. He also voiced dissatisfaction with shortages, and delays in delivery, of salt last winter under the COSTARS co-op ordering system. Jack Law advised that the Township might make use of the consortium in which West Bradford participates. Ms. Abel said she would contact West Bradford to inquire.

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

Time: 8:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary

