

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Jim Cornell (Vice-Chair), Bob Pearson and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

Announcements: Erica Lee announced she would be video-recording tonight's meeting for people who were unable to attend. Mr. Kelsall announced that the April 25, 2024, Zoning Hearing (Applicant: Newlin Development 15, LLC, for the property known as the "Davis Tract") had been continued, and that the "continued" - or follow-up - hearing date is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Township Maintenance Facility.

Comments: Erin Finnerty inquired about the orange tags that have been placed along Laurel Road. Mr. Pearson responded that the Township had not placed those tags and that he assumed they were for Pa One Call or a utility identification. Erica Lee inquired about the abandoned part of Laurel Road that is now personal property, noting that a tree had come down on the utility wires in the last storm. Mr. Pearson responded that clearing trees from wires is the responsibility of PECO. Mr. Kelsall warned that removal of trees from utility wires can be hazardous.

Minutes for Approval: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the April 8, 2024, Board Meeting. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved. Mr. Pearson abstained, as he was not present at the April meeting.

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of April 30, 2024, the Township had \$672,023.07 on deposit, including \$224,116.23 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represents a net increase of \$145,879.43 since March 31, 2024. Mr. Pearson'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 \$28,108.09 from the General Fund Account and requested payment authorization. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Chester County Department of Facilities: By Eric Quinn – Harveys Bridge Project: Eric Quinn, Bridge Program Manager with Chester County Department of Facilities presented renderings of the proposed design for the two-span replacement of County Bridge #92 (Harveys Bridge) (currently a three-span bridge). He advised that the County and PennDOT plan to incorporate into the bridge project the elevation of Harveys Bridge Road (roughly 30 inches) that had been requested by Newlin Township, and that the cost of that elevation project (currently estimated at \$400,000-\$500,000) would be funded by PennDOT.

In response to a question from Robert Shippee, Mr. Quinn advised that the new bridge will have two 11-foot lanes and two two-foot shoulders, for a total width of 24 feet, as compared to the 16-

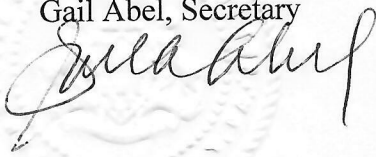
foot total width of the current bridge. Responding to a question from Ms. Lee, Mr. Quinn confirmed that the combined project will not include the removal of the rock known as "Harvey's Rock". In response to a question from Michael Cohen, Mr. Quinn advised that the new bridge will have a load limit of 40 tons. Mr. Pearson noted that the increased load limit would enable fire trucks, school buses, oil trucks and other heavy vehicles to cross the bridge but that some of those vehicles will still be restricted by local road weight limitations. Responding to questions from Mr. Cornell and Michael Vorauer, Mr. Quinn provided a "best guess" that the project will commence in 2026 and will be completed within 9-12 months after commencement, adding that the biggest challenge will be getting materials and heavy equipment to the site.

Annual Road Bids 2024: Mr. Pearson noted that in response to last month's advertisement for road bids, the Township had received two bids. He first reviewed the sole bid received for the operation of roadwork and rental equipment, from D.T. Taylor Excavating, LLC. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the bid from D.T. Taylor Excavating, LLC. was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved. Mr. Pearson next reviewed the sole bid received for the application of asphalt emulsion oil, from Asphalt Industries, Inc. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the bid from Asphalt Industries, Inc. was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Road Master Update: Mr. Pearson advised that the Township's crew has been mowing the road banks and that Township plans to oil and chip Youngs Road and Laurel Road this season. He added that he will be looking at the Township's actual revenues in the coming months to see whether the Marlboro Springs Road project will be feasible this year. He noted that Mr. Quinn's announcement tonight that the Harveys Bridge Road elevation improvements will be paid for by **PennDOT** is a huge win for the Township.

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

Time: 8:00pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary

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