

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 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: Mr. Pearson requested a moment of silence for the recognition of D Day, which happened 80 years ago, when brave allied warriors sacrificed their lives storming the beaches of Normandy.

Comments: Erin Finnerty asked again about the orange tags on Laurel Road. Mr. Pearson replied that PECO has initiated a project to improve system reliability but has not yet disclosed what changes will be involved.

Erica Lee asked for an update on the downed tree on Laurel Road. Mr. Pearson noted that that tree is within the vacated portion of Laurel Road, and is therefore not the Township's responsibility. Kelly Delong stated that the tree has been down since Easter. Mr. Pearson encouraged residents to continue to call PECO.

Minutes for Approval: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Board Meeting. Mr. Cornell's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of May 31, 2024, the Township had \$764,782.93 on deposit, including \$279,319.55 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represents a net increase of \$238,639.29 since April 30, 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 \$30,016.25 (28,407.58 from the General Fund Account and \$1,608.67 from the State Liquid Fuel Fund Account) and requested payment authorization. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Strasburg Landfill Update: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") representatives Brad White (Senior Remedial Project Manager) and David Greaves (Life Scientist Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Emergency Management Cleanup Division) were present, following up on their presentation at the Supervisors' February 2024 meeting regarding PFAS contamination from the Strasburg Landfill. Mr. Greaves noted that EPA had encountered a delay in validating initial test results and thanked residents for their patience.

He advised that EPA plans another round of water testing at 23 residential wells close to the landfill, currently scheduled for the weeks of June 17th and June 24th. Based on preliminary results of this testing, either EPA or Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection will

provide bottled water or pitcher filters to any of the residences whose well water is found to be above EPA's recently-established PFAS thresholds. EPA will also sample around the landfill during the week of June 24th (including the leachate tank, leachate discharge points, the treatment well and the multiple points in Briar Run), and will be engaging a contractor to recommend a long-term strategy to address the local PFAS contamination. Mr. Greaves mentioned a few of the potential long-term solutions, including home filtration or a public water line, stressing that that list was not intended to be all-inclusive.

Responding to questions from Erica Lee and Township Solicitor Michael Gill, Mr. White advised that EPA's ecological risk assessors had not been alarmed by the PFAS test results from Briar Run, but confirmed that EPA will be further assessing any possible impacts on Brandywine Creek.

Colleen Rasmussen referenced ailments over the past years among several local residents, and asked about the effects of using PFAS-contaminated well water for purposes other than drinking. Mr. White confirmed that EPA has identified ingestion is the only significant cause of concern for PFAS.

Mr. Greaves urged that any resident who has not yet been scheduled for re-testing should contact EPA as soon as possible in order to be scheduled.

Mr. Kelsall thanked Mr. Greaves and Mr. White for their efforts.

Reaffirm Approval of Subdivision Plan for Embreeville Redevelopment, LP: Township Solicitor Michael Gill reviewed the resolution of the dispute between West Bradford Township ("WBT") and Embreeville Redevelopment, LP ("ERLP") that had resulted in WBT's agreement to purchase from ERLP approximately 194.8 acres located in WBT in exchange for ERLP's remediation of the property to eliminate past asbestos contamination, noting that that resolution necessitated a subdivision in order (among other things) to exclude from WBT's purchase that portion of ERLP's property located in Newlin Township (approximately 21.4 acres adjacent to the Township's border with WBT). Mr. Gill presented the following motion for action by the Supervisors (the "Motion"):

To ratify and reaffirm approval of the plan entitled "Final Subdivision Plan for Embreeville Campus" by Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc., dated May 10, 2024, together with all waivers noted thereon (the "Subdivision Plan"), as contemplated pursuant to that certain Settlement Agreement, as amended, by and between Embreeville Redevelopment, LP, West Bradford Township, and the Zoning Hearing Board of West Bradford Township, effective as of December 29, 2019. The Board of Supervisors approved an earlier iteration of the Subdivision Plan on November 14, 2022, and hereby ratifies and reaffirms that approval and confirms that it is, for all intents and purposes, effective as to the current iteration of the Subdivision Plan dated May 10, 2024.

Mr. Cornell's motion to approve the Motion was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

Road Master Update: Mr. Pearson advised that the Township will applying oil and chips to Youngs Road and Laurel Road, and possibly a portion of Harveys Bridge Road, this summer, but that the planned repairs on Marlboro Springs Road will depend on the Township's revenues in the coming months.

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

Time: 8:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Abel", is written over a faint circular embossed seal. The seal contains some illegible text and a central emblem.