

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Lenfest Center, 1199 Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Bob Pearson, Jim Cornell, and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements: Bill Kelsall, announced there would be an executive session after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter. He congratulated Jim Cornell on his victory at the municipal election in November 2019 and thanked both candidates for a very cordial campaign.

Bill Kelsall also announced at the Supervisors' January 6th Re-organization meeting, Bill Kelsall was elected Chair and Jim Cornell was elected Vice Chair.

Comments: Colleen Mooney commented on the Brandywine Creek road restoration project. She praised the Road Con truck drivers for driving slowly and courteously in getting to and from the project.

Minutes: The Secretary presented the minutes of the Supervisors' December 9, 2019 monthly meeting. Bob Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Bill Kelsall and the minutes were approved (Jim Cornell abstaining because he was not then a Supervisor).

The Secretary next presented the minutes of the Supervisor' January 6, 2020, Re-Organization meeting. Jim Cornell's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Bob Pearson and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: The Treasurer presented the monthly Financial Report. Bob Pearson's motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Jim Cornell and the Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Emergency Services: The Secretary reviewed the following reports on emergency services for December 2019:

- West Bradford Fire Co: 18 total calls, 0 in Newlin.
- Modena Fire Co: 74 total calls, 1 in Newlin.
- Good Fellowship Ambulance: Report not yet received.

Right to Know Requests: The Secretary reported that the Township had received no Right to Know requests since the last meeting.

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Proclamation for PA One Call System to Designate April as “PA 811 Safe Digging Month”: Bill Kelsall, noted that PA One Call is a system designed to locate utilities before excavation. Each year the PA One Call organization requests that the Township issue a Proclamation designating April as Safe Digging Month. Jim Cornell’s motion to issue the Proclamation attached hereto as Exhibit A was seconded by Bob Pearson and unanimously approved.

Bennett Baird commented that he calls PA One Call when he has digging projects. Recently he found his fios FIOS line just 12” deep. Bill Kelsall commented that if you break a line after calling PA One Call, do not have to pay for the repair. If you neglect to call, you will have to pay for the repair.

Newlin Historical Society Bulletin Board Request: Kathleen Conway presented the Newlin Historical Society’s request to use of the Township’s outdoor bulletin board at 1751 Embreeville Road to introduce the Society to the citizens and announce upcoming events. Bob Pearson applauded the Historical Society for its efforts (noting that the Society is independent of Township government). He welcomed the Society’s use of the bulletin board and advised that this should be coordinated through Rob Mastrippolito.

Hill Top View Road: Barbara Forney advised that the Township has applied for a grant to fund the repair of June 2019 damages.

Beagle Club Road: Barbara Forney advised that all work is complete. The guide rail (which was not part of the project) is being installed on January 14. Grant proceeds for the project are expected in the near future.

Kelsall Road: Barbara Forney advised that this project should get underway in the Spring. Permits have been submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Laurel Road: Barbara Forney advised that Chester County Conservation District personnel had participated in a site walk in preparation for a possible low volume road grant, but that grant funds will not be available for project engineering.

Paul Murphy questioned whether the Laurel Road project could proceed in light of the restrictions in the Natural Lands conservation easement covering the project site. Bob Pearson confirmed that Natural Lands had previously provided oral assurances that it would be cooperative. Mr. Murphy recommended that the Township obtain any necessary Natural Lands approvals in writing before making any significant additional expenditures on the project.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Bob Pearson’s, seconded by Jim Cornell, the meeting was adjourned.

Time: 8:17pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary

