

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2018

Call to Order: The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, February 12, 2018, convened at 8:00 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Chair, Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson, and Secretary, Gail Abel

Announcement Period: Janie Baird announced that the West Bradford Embreeville Zoning Hearing had concluded with counsels on both sides presenting their closing arguments on February 7. Public attendance was very light with approximately 10 locals present. The Zoning Hearing Board will present their decision at a public meeting on Wednesday, April 4th.

Comment Period: No public comments.

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting and Public Hearing, held on Monday, January 15, 2018 were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors annual re-organization meeting, held on Monday, January 2, 2018 needed to be amended:

Original, approved minutes read, Janie Baird made the motion for real estate tax rate .75 mills; Fire Tax .48 mills, Emergency Services Tax .12 mills; earned income tax .5 percent; and Fire Hydrant .09264 mills, Janie Baird seconded and the motion was approved.

Amendment will read, Janie Baird made the motion for real estate tax rate .75 mills; Fire Tax .48 mills, Emergency Services Tax .12 mills; earned income tax .5 percent, Fire Hydrant .09264 mills, and Open Space Tax .15 mills; Bill Kelsall seconded and the motion was approved.

Bob Pearson made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: Read by Gail Abel. Bill Kelsall made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Bob Pearson and the vote was unanimous.

Emergency Services:

West Bradford Fire Company: January report was received, 23 total calls, 1 in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: Report not received

Po Mar Lin Fire Company: Report not received.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: January report was received showing 0 calls in Newlin.

Longwood Ambulance: Report not received

Right to Know Requests: The Township has had two right to know requests since the last meeting.

Resolution 2018-06 Opposition to House Bill 1620, Entitled The “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”:

Correspondence was received from Solicitor Kristin Camp regarding House Bill No. 1620 which is specifically designed to undo the current WCFs zoning regulations in place in most Chester County municipalities. The proposed HB 1620 makes it readily apparent that the provisions are intended to line by line dismantle the reasonable WCFs regulations in place in numerous municipalities throughout Chester County. Among other provisions HB 1620 proposes to strip municipalities of any authority or input as the location, design or height of the WCFs. Proposed legislation continues on to unfairly and severely restrict the municipality’s collection of fees associated with the installation of WCFs, quicken already fast-tracked approval processes, prohibit franchise fees based upon revenues, and, except in very limited situations, prohibit the required posting of financial security to guarantee removal of abandoned structures and any required indemnification. After discussion, Bob Pearson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-06 Opposition to House Bill 1620, Entitled The “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Proclamation for Pa One Call System to Designate April as: “Pa 811 Safe Digging Month”

Each year the Township receives a request on behalf of Pa One Call System requesting a proclamation to designate April as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.” The Board will sign the Proclamation.

Arcelor Mittal Downstream Notification 2018: Janie Baird announced the Township is in receipt of the annual Downstream Notification letter from ArcelorMittal in accordance with Pa Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act 32. Arcelor Mittal-Coatesville Operation owns and operates aboveground storage tanks in their plant adjacent to the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek. All tanks are aboveground except for the unleaded gasoline which is underground and holds 12,000 gallons. The total gallons of aboveground and underground is 71,293.

Brandywine Creek Road Update provided by Janie Baird:

- PennDot plans to advertise for bids by the end of March
- Get bids in over next 6 to 8 weeks
- Project winner to begin work in June, 2018
- Once work begins, the road will be closed to all traffic in the area of work

Beagle Club Road Update: Bob Pearson stated that he had talked to the contractor today. With improvement of the weather they may make an attempt to install some of the pipes. Pa One Call was notified. Bob Pearson asked Barb Forney to coordinate getting plans to the contractor.

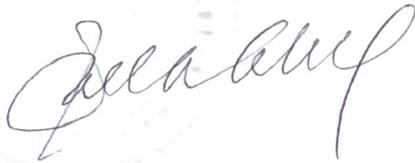
Laurel Road Update: Regester and Associates has completed survey work in the area and the Township is compiling info for the PIB 0% loan but need the engineered drawings and cost estimate before applying. Janie Baird also reported that Jason Evans, CPA, who is a resident and elected Township auditor has helped with the financial documents needed. The draft application has been sent to the solicitor for review.

Barb Forney stated that a few weeks back 4 big trees came down in the Brandywine off Laurel Road. Luckily they were directing the water away from Laurel Road toward the floodplain.

We are in receipt of a proposal from Flyway Excavating, Inc. from Lititz, Pa in the amount of \$8,220 for the removal and disposal of those trees. No permits are required and no bid is required because the project is under \$10,000. With no further comments, Bob Pearson made a motion to sign the proposal in the amount of \$8,220 with Flyway Excavating, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment: With no further business, Bob Pearson made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Time: 8:19pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel
Recording Secretary

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