

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 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 the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

He also advised that through Municibid, the Township had paid \$23,200 to purchase a 1996 John Deere, 6300 mower tractor from Hatfield Township. Bob Pearson commented that it was a good purchase, since Hatfield Township had taken excellent care of the machine. Mr. Pearson gave credit to Rob Mastrippolito for coordinating the purchase through Municibid.

Mr. Pearson advised that he and Mr. Kelsall had attended a recent Eagle Scout ceremony for Nathan Ganti, and that he was impressed both with Nathan's accomplishment and his recognition, during his acceptance speech, of Township members who had supported him along the way. Nathan was the Scout who installed the flag and pole on the Township's property.

**Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Minutes:** Gail Abel presented the minutes of the Supervisors' January 13, 2020 monthly meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Jim Cornell and unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Abel reported that as of January 31, 2020, the Township had \$1,817,107.48 on deposit, including \$1,548,258.57 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net decrease of \$37,464.08 since December 31, 2019. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Ms. Abel advised that updates on Emergency Service responses and Right to Know requests will be excluded from future agendas.

Mr. Kelsall advised that the Board will update these matters annually in January of each year.

**Brandywine Battlefield Task Force – Newlin Signage:** Bill McGowan presented the Brandywine Battlefield Task Force’s Historic Interpretive Marker Project. He noted that Newlin Township is a part of the the Task Force’s Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan because even though the formal battlefield did not extend to Newlin, both Armies were active in the Township, including the Barnard Farm/Orchard (which was an actively farmed by the Barnard family in 1777 and is still in operation).

The Task Force has requested that Newlin Township initially provide \$3,000 to fund the installation of an Interpretive Marker at that location, at a cost of \$3,000, but Mr. McGowan explained that The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution will reimburse Newlin’s \$3,000 expenditure upon completion of that installation.

It was the sense of the Board that at a future Board meeting this funding will most likely be approved, assuming additional details regarding the design, text and location of the Interpretive Marker prove satisfactory. Mr. Pearson undertook to confirm whether Lewis Barnard is prepared to consent to the installation of the Interpretive Marker at the Barnard Farm/Orchard.

**Stormwater Operations & Maintenance Agreement Newlin Greene Aqua Plant:**

Mr. Kelsall advised that Newlin Township had received a Stormwater Application from Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. for the Newlin Greene Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The applicant is proposing to add additional paving to an existing facility for easier entry and exit, together with an infiltration trench. The addition will also provide additional parking area for an adjacent landowner.

Craig Kologie, Zoning Officer, has reviewed the Application and the related Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection Plan and Agreement and has confirmed that both comply with the Township’s Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Mr. Pearson recalled that the Township had originally approved only a limited number of parking spaces at the adjacent landowner’s property. He requested that the Township Engineer determine whether the additional parking would comply with that original approval prior to any Board vote on the Stormwater Application and Agreement.

**1059 Glen Hall Road Stormwater Operations & Maintenance Agreement:**

Mr. Kelsall advised that Newlin Township had received a Stormwater Application from the new owners of 1059 Glenhall Road. The Zoning Officer has reviewed the Application and the Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection Plan and Agreement and has confirmed that both comply with the Township’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Mr. Cornell’s motion to approve the Application and Agreement was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

**Embreeville Building Presentation:** Bennett Baird presented the Building Committee’s recommendation that Township carry out delayed maintenance/repairs of the West Unit of the Township House at 1755/1757 Embreeville Road. After discussion, Mr. Cornell requested that the Board postpone its decision so that he could gain a better understanding by reviewing the history and condition of the Township House with one or more members of the Building Committee. The matter was tabled until the Board’s March meeting.

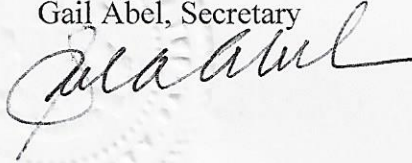
**Laurel Road:** Jim Fritsch, Township Engineer, presented design ideas for the proposed relocation of Laurel Road based on the aerial topography recently completed by Cooper Aerial Surveys Company. The next step is to continue with engineering plans, including determination of the final layout and grading, as well as stormwater plans. The Board took no action on this matter.

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

Time: 8:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary

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