

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2018**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, April 9, 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 there will be an executive session immediately following the meeting to discuss personnel and an acquisition.

**Comment Period:** Don Westbrook announced he is running for legislation in the 158<sup>th</sup> district. He has lived in West Bradford for 35 years, owns a small business.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, March 12, 2018 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Janie Baird. Bob Pearson was not in attendance at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Emergency Services:**

West Bradford Fire Company: March report was received, 37 total calls, 4 in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: March report was received, 60 total calls, 5 in Newlin.

Po Mar Lin Fire Company: Report not received.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: March report was received showing 3 calls in Newlin.

Longwood Ambulance: report not received

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

**Bike the Brandywine-Brandywine Conservancy September 22, 2018:** The Township received correspondence from Rob Daniels, Senior Land Use Planner with Brandywine Conservancy announcing that they will be hosting its third annual Bike the Brandywine bicycle ride on September 22, 2018 to promote and support the work of the Conservancy and its Brandywine Creek Greenway initiative. The ride is an organized, fully supported bike ride that offers three loops (25, 45, and 80 miles) to riders that will start and finish at the Chadds Ford Historical Society site along Creek Road in Chadds Ford. The ride will take place between the hours of 7am and 4:30pm. Last year the ride attracted just over 550 riders and they expect that number to grow slightly in 2018 to around 700 riders.

Janie Baird advised them of the current road situations. She noted the important of checking with the Township and Penn Dot closer to the time of the race to make sure of the road conditions.

Bob Pearson requested bikers go in a single file due to the roads being so narrow. Janie said the law says they can ride 2 side by side.

**Tough Mudder Weekend of May 19-20:** Janie Baird announced that once again the Tough Mudder Event will be hosted at Plantation Field the weekend of May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Glenelg Sub-Division Road Dedication:** Memo was received from the Township Solicitor, Kristin Camp indicating that the Developer has completed all improvements in the Glenelg Farm Subdivision which is located partially in Newlin and partially in East Marlborough Township and has tendered dedication of the public improvements. The only public improvements in Newlin that must be dedicated are a portion of Laurali Drive and the storm-water facilities located in the road. The developer sent as-built plans, a Deed of Dedication, Maintenance Security Agreement and letter of credit in the amount of \$8,546.00 which will be in place for a period of 18 months from acceptance of dedication. The Township Engineer has confirmed that all punch list items at the development have been completed and he has approved the as-built plans, legal description for the road, and amount of maintenance security.

Kristin Camp reviewed the Deed, Maintenance Security Agreement and letter of credit and find them acceptable. Janie Baird ask for a motion to accept dedication of the Deed of Dedication and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the deed and the Maintenance Security Agreement. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the dedication and authorized Janie Baird to sign the documents. Bob Pearson recused himself.

**Newlin Greene Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project:** Jim Fritsch reviewed the Entech Engineering letter addressed to the Township dated February 26, 2018. The letter was in regards to the Newlin Greene Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Based on Jim's review of the information, Register Associates has no comments or concerns for submission to the Pa Department of Environmental Protection.

**Green Valley Road:** A letter was sent to the residents on Green Valley Road to advise them of the timeline for the road construction. No work will be done on Green Valley until Brandywine Creek Road is complete.

**Lost Trail Road Closure:** Bob Pearson said it would due well to vacate the road. When the Unionville Inn was still open on Route 162 it was under consideration for C3 zoning change. But since the Inn was unfixable it was demolished. Activity at night after dark hours is not good or safe. All property owners are in agreement for the road closure. Bob Pearson made a motion to draft an Ordinance for review and move forward with advertising and adoption of said Ordinance, Janie Baird seconded. Bill Kelsall recused himself.

**Beagle Club Road Update:** Barb Forney provided an update, the project is underway. Several pipes are already installed. There are two grants on Beagle Club. The first grant is the pipe and culvert which is underway, the second grant will be submitted over the summer. The road will be completely covered with driving surface aggregate.

**Embreeville NPDES Permit:**

At the April 4, 2018 West Bradford Zoning Hearing, the Board Chairman announced that the application by Embreeville Redevelopment was denied. There have been 18 ZHB meetings over 40 months. There was a large presence of Newlin residents at the final hearing.

It is quite possible that the developer will challenge the verdict.

Newlin, in 2017, contracted with Vince Pompo, Esq. to represent the Township in the matter of the old Embreeville Sewage Plant which is owned now by the developer and it had been stated in testimony that there were plans to use the old plant for stream discharge of treated sewage into the West Branch of the Brandywine just east of the canoe launch at the “bridge to nowhere”. A draft NPDES permit was issued and the Township was copied via Mr. Pompo. The draft was advertised in the PA Bulletin with a deadline of 30 days which is April 14 to contest the draft permit. Mr. Pompo has drafted a legal opinion regarding the permit on behalf of Newlin Township. The Township hired Pennoni and Associates as sewage treatment experts to assist Mr. Pompo in his review and comments on the draft permit.

The STP was built in the 1920’s and has been mothballed for the last 4 years. The facility is in poor condition and would require significant work to be brought up to a functioning level.

A request was put out to Newlin residents for comments regarding the draft permit and for a public hearing to be held regarding the permit. So far there have been 24 letters from residents which have been forwarded to Mr. Pompo to be included with his comments. If you haven’t written a letter and would like to, we will take them until Wednesday of this week. Requests for supportive letters have been issued to the Brandywine Conservancy, CCWRA, BVA, Northbrook Canoe Co. and Rep. Eric Roe.

**Laurel Road Update:** Regester and Associates have completed a perimeter survey of the properties in the area of the road collapse. A Laurel Rd. Wetland Delineation report has been prepared by Clauser Environmental as of Feb. 15, 2018. Geo-Technical Associates has completed borings for a geotechnical study of the subsurface of the collapsed section. They will also be performing slope stability analysis and final construction plans. Newlin has a contract with Geo-Technical Associates for \$25,000. A certified letter will be going out to surrounding residents regarding further work that Geo-Technical will be performing.

Final construction drawings will be prepared by Regester with the information from Geo-Technical Associates. At that time the Township can proceed with the application to the PA Infrastructure Bank for a loan to supplement the \$754,000 grant. Jason Evans, CPA and Newlin auditor has completed the financial statement for the loan.

We have maps available for your viewing tonight.

**MS4 Deficiency Letter:** A letter was received from DEP dated March 2, 2018. DEP acknowledged receipt of the individual permit application for NPDES permit coverage along with the TMDL Plan. DEP has determined that there are significant technical deficiencies associated in the TMDL Plan that must be corrected. Cedarville Engineering had started the process for the MS4 NPDES TMDL project. Effective January 1, 2018 Regester Associates took over the project. There is a meeting scheduled with Krista Brown from DEP on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Jim Fritsch with Regester Associates will attend the meeting along with Bob Pearson. Clean waters act is requires the Township to do this.

**Bid Notice:** Bids will be advertised in the Daily Local News in April for bid letting at the May meeting.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Abel  
Recording Secretary



*Gail Abel*