

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

June 11, 2018

Call to Order: The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, June 11, 2018, convened at 8:00 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Chair, Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson, Secretary, Gail Abel

Announcement Period: Janie Baird announced there will be an executive meeting immediately following tonight's meeting regarding an acquisition and a legal issue regarding septic pumping.

Comment Period: Rodney Wynn inquired if there is an ordinance against old cars sitting around. Janie Baird replied that yes we do, the nuisance ordinance.

Rich Mitchell thanked the road crew for trimming the bamboo on Laurel Road but it could use some more trimming.

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, May 14, 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 May 11th meeting.

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: May report was received, 25 total calls, 2 in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: May report was received, 61 total calls, 0 in Newlin.

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

Po Mar Lin & Longwood Ambulance received by the Regional Fire Committee.

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

Nathan Ganti, Eagle Scout Presentation: Nathan Ganti with Troop 22 gave a presentation and said he has been working with Rob Matrippolito for the installation of a flag pole and light at the municipal property for his Eagle Scout project.

Janie Baird said she appreciates the proposal but does have concerns about the light pollution, lighting in the country and the cost for installation. She is also concerned about the Township rental unit with the light on 24/7. Nathan replied the quote from the electrical contractor for the light has not yet been received.

Estimated cost is \$862.50 but reduced to \$507.10 with the materials the Township already has such as tools, mulch and topsoil.

Timeline: July 22nd – August 13th. The goal is to be complete by September 1st so he can hand his completed report to his troop leadership.

Bob Pearson commented he does not have a problem with the entire proposal.

Nathan said there is a telescoping pole.

Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept as proposed. Janie Baird made an amendment to not have the lighting. It only takes 1-2 minutes to put the flag up and take it down according to Nathan. Bill Kelsall thinks it is appropriate to have a light. Bob Pearson seconded the motion to install as proposed with the light and use the light at appropriate times. After discussion Janie Baird dropped the proposal but stipulates not to light 24/7, only use at select times such as voting, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Rich Mitchell, Jack Law and Paul Murphy made comments on illuminating the flag.

MS4 NPDES Permit Waiver Update: Janie Baird announced the Township is in receipt of official notification from DEP dated May 16, 2018 regarding Newlin's request for a waiver along with the application for an NPDES permit for Newlin's small Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4). DEP reviewed the submission and determined that Newlin qualifies for a waiver from NPDES MS4 permitting requirements.

The waiver applies for a 5-year period and will expire on March 15, 2023. The Township must submit an application or notice of intent (NOI) at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the waiver.

Janie thanked Bob Pearson for attending the meeting with DEP along with Jim Fritsch and Beth Uhler.

Embreeville Update: Janie Baird announced notice from DEP was received on June 8, 2018. DEP has scheduled a Public Meeting/Hearing on the Embreeville Sewage Treatment plant for Tuesday, July 17th from 6pm-8:30pm at Marshallton United Methodist Church located at 1282 W. Strasburg Road., West Chester, PA. The Meeting/Hearing Notice will be published in the PA Bulletin on June 16 in order to provide 30 day notification of the Meeting/Hearing.

The Public Meeting format will include a brief presentation from DEP staff and an opportunity to take questions and comments from the public. Paul Murphy of Brandywine Creek Road inquired if there is anything anyone can do from a legal perspective. Janie Baird explained we have hired counsel Vince Pompo who has been advising the Board on actions needed. Newlin never owned the plant or used it. It was part of the State Hospital and was built in the 1920's – 40's. It served the hospital for years. When the hospital shut down there was limited use by the Police Barracks and the Penn Dot Maintenance Facility. It has not been in use for 4 years now. Mr. Murphy ask if the Township could condemn the plant and what is the Township's right to govern and re-zone. The Board said zoning for the plant is grandfathered and the hearing is

Newlin's opportunity express our concern over restarting operations at the plant. She said there have been many letters to DEP by residents and the hearing is important and encouraged attendance.

Route 842, Cannery Road & Marlboro Springs Road: Janie Baird announced there have been 2 accidents recently and the Township wrote to Don Centofante with Penn Dot. Penn

Dot has confirmed a work order has been issued for the installation of “cross road” signs with “street name plaques” (Cannery Rd./Marlboro Springs Rd) mounted underneath. The warning signage on SR 842 will be approaching Cannery and Marlboro Springs Roads from both directions.

Beagle Club Road Update: Bob Pearson provided an update on the progress of Beagle Club Road. He said the road is almost done. All pipes have been installed, all sub grade work is done. Friday, June 8th 1/3 of the Driving Surface Aggregate was installed. Potentially the work could get this finished this week. He recognized the residents on the road and said they have been super cooperative and the Township appreciates this as it makes it much easier to work. He also thanked Barb Forney for her huge help in the process.

Brandywine Creek & Green Valley Road Updates: Janie Baird provided the update that all construction easements have been granted from landowners. Bid letting will start in the fall. The project will take about a year and a half and completion is deemed for early 2020.

Bill Kelsall provided the update for Green Valley. Work will not be started until Brandywine Creek is complete and opened. There will be minimum overlay between the culverts. The road will not be widened. Penn Dot would like the Township’s permission to use Powell Road while Green Valley Road is closed. Bob Pearson said if they are going to use Powell as a detour they must post a minimum \$100,000 bond. The Township Engineer will provide a video and a summary of the condition of the road so any damages that occur can be fixed by Penn Dot.

Lost Trail Road Closure Discussion: Janie Baird provided an update that a request was made from a property owner to close Lost Trail. There is a lot of dumping and after hour parties happening. Shana Donnelly, property owner at 1165 Cannery Road said there is a lot of parties happening after hours, leaving trash, gun shots being fired at 3am, fires, etc. In order to abandon the road, an ordinance would need to be drawn up by the Solicitor. All property owners must agree. The ordinance would need to be advertised. There would be a loss of liquid fuel funds in the amount of \$2,413.78 annually for mileage of the road.

Engineering fees for a survey in the amount of \$4,500 were going to be needed but Jim Fritsch was able to find a previous subdivision plan that would be acceptable to use and save the \$4,500.

Bob Pearson commented there is an issue with a severely impaired retaining wall that would cost the Township thousands to fix. How the road would be shown closed was brought up. A gate at both ends for emergency vehicles would allow pedestrians to walk the road.

Janie Baird inquired if the property owners would incur the cost of the gates if the Township vacates the road. Shana Donnelly replied they would pay for the gates.

Bob Pearson made a motion to vacate Lost Trail Road and prepare the ordinance and advertisement, Janie Baird seconded. Bill Kelsall recused himself.

Oak School Road Discussion: Barb Forney, Township resident and assistant to Bob Pearson Roadmaster for Dirt & Gravel Road Programs, provided an update for Oak School Road. This will be Beagle Club, Phase II. The 1st part is to start the permit process with stream crossings. Clauser Environmental has provided a professional services agreement;

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Pa Infrastructure Financing & Laurel Road: Janie Baird announced that the 43 page Draft report from Geo-Technology was received very late today at 5:30pm; the Board has not had time to read and review. The Township cannot apply for the Pa Infrastructure Loan until an approved drawing is in hand. This will be discussed again at the July meeting.

Paul Murphy requested a copy of the report. Asking that the report to be made available to all Laurel Road property owners.

Lisa Thomas ask if the agenda could be added to the website in advance of the meeting. Janie replied there are too many last minute changes.

John Hughes understood that 2 grants were approved and now he is hearing only 1 grant is approved. Janie stated she was misinformed about approval for the low volume grant on the still standing portion of Laurel and apologized. The Board will continue to try to get approved for the Low Volume Road grant through the Conservation District.

Bob Pearson stated the trees in the Brandywine were impairing all property owners and needed to be removed.

Paul Murphy does not object to anyone coming on their property; they just want to have input in the plan and want to work together with the Township for the best plan possible.

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

Time: 9:24pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel
Recording Secretary

