

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 13, 2018**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, August 13, 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:** Bill Kelsall announced the sad news of Gerry Lenfest's passing. Several nice comments were made about Gerry Lenfest and the generosity he showed to all, including the Township. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

**Comment Period:** John O'Neal stood and said there was a flag donated to The Lenfest Center. He suggested that the Pledge of Allegiance be done before every meeting. He requested people to join him in standing.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting, held on Monday, July 9, 2018 were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the 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: July report was received, 49 total calls, 2 in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: July report was received, 92 total calls, 1 in Newlin.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: July report was received showing 1 call in Newlin.

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

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

**Kennett Library-Fundraiser:** A letter was received from Kennett Library announcing this year's theme for the fundraiser, "Through the Looking Glass". The goal is to raise \$30,000. Bob Pearson announced the Library will be building a new Library. They are hosting a fundraiser. He also noted there is a lot of generous people in the Township and hopes there are some who will contribute to this good cause. He said for a long time the Township did not contribute its fair share and under the current Board it has met its fair share each year. Bill Kelsall made a motion to support the fund raiser with a \$500. contribution, seconded by Bob Pearson and the vote was unanimous.

**Brandywine Valley SPCA 2018/2019 Contract:** The Township is in receipt of the Brandywine Valley SPCA's Animal Protective Services Agreement. The base line contract if paid by January 1, 2019 is \$1639.09. There is also a rate of \$109.27 per animal and \$54.63 per unclaimed stray animal. A response is needed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob Pearson made a motion to sign the 2018/2019 Contract, Janie Baird seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Fee Schedule:** A recommendation from the Building and Zoning Officer was made to amend the Fee Schedule Resolution and add a fee to establish the Floodplain Permit required for any construction or development within any identified floodplain area of the Township of Newlin. All applications shall be made on forms provided by the Township and shall include an application fee of \$100. All applications shall include a \$500 escrow and executed Consultant Fee Reimbursement contract.

Bill Kelsall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-07 amending the Fee Schedule to establish the Floodplain Permit, Bob Pearson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Embreeville Update:**

The Hearing was held 7-17-18 with over 100 people in attendance and people having to stand at the back of the church's social hall.

There was very strong support from Newlin residents with many in the audience and many providing testimony. Thank you for your support.

Also providing testimonies were:

Rep. Eric Roe

Don Vymsal of Sen. Dinniman's office

Supervisors Laurie Abele and William Christman of West Bradford Township

John Theilacker of Brandywine Conservancy

Oliver Bass of Natural Lands

Jan Bowers of the CCWRA

Bob Struble of the Brandywine Red Clay

Denis Newbold, retired Stroud water biologist

Chris Sappy, candidate

West Bradford residents

plus others

Written testimony was sent in by Sen. Tom Killion and others as there was a window for testimony until July 27.

We await a decision from DEP.

**Harvey's Bridge, County Bridge #92:** A letter was received from McCormick Taylor dated August 7, 2018 on behalf of Chester County. They are working on updating the County's long-term planning for the 92 bridges owned and maintained by the County, including Bridge #92 known as Harvey's Bridge. During previous discussions, the Township has expressed its desire to retain the existing three span, reinforced concrete through girder structure that has carried vehicles since 1926. The present 92 year old bridge is posted with an 8 ton load restriction, is in fair condition, and according to County records, carries approximately 700 vehicles per day.

An 8 ton weight limitation restricts school buses, fire trucks, construction trucks, and large service vehicles that must find alternate routes.

McCormick Taylor requested a written opinion from the Township to confirm whether the Township still requests that the County retain the current structure with the limitations noted

above or initiate planning to replace the structure. The Board discussed all of the surrounding issues with Laurel Road, Brandywine Creek Road, and Green Valley Road which will undergo construction after Brandywine Creek Road is finished. Bob Pearson's personal opinion is that he has no interest in making any changes. It was agreed that Chair Janie Baird would write a response letter to McCormick Taylor indicating such.

**Beagle Club Road Phase II Update:** Confirmation of the grant was received from Chester County Conservation District. The District agrees to fund the eligible costs for this project in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$44,820.

**Hilltop View Road Update:** Barb Forney provided an update on Hilltop View Road that was repaired in 2016. The Driving Surface Aggregate is holding up good but it is a new product and repairs should be considered now rather than wait until it deteriorates further. Barb called Wade Brown at the Center for Dirt & Gravel Roads and there is grant money for remediation. Barb is looking into this and will provide an update when she receives information.

**Laurel Road Update:** Jim Fritsch with Register Associates said the early stages of planning for repairs North of Laurel Road Reconstruction Project are underway. Meghan Lester from Geo-Technology provided options of redi block precast design for the Reconstruction project.

Janie Baird ask if we can take the re-construction project to a contractor yet to obtain quotes. Jim ask for a few weeks for additional fine tuning.

Paul Murphy said the entire project has to be looked at all at the same time.

Bob Pearson explain there is no hidden agenda. This is initial progress only and not final. All decisions are made at Board meetings. The Hydraulics and Hydrology test for the section at the north end of Laurel Rd has to be done which will analyze the amount of flow in the stream and to see if there will be any adverse effects to the stream and stream banks. Bob Pearson noted he does not know if there will be 1 or 2 studies. But we must continue to move forward with the portion we already have grant funding for. But we are looking into grant funding for North end of Laurel Road as well.

Bob Pearson said he appreciated the Murphy's working well together. The plan will drive the number so we know how much money to ask for. We want to be as final as final can be but every project has changes, it is expected. He commented we are further along with Phase I. He also stated it is his goal and direction to get all of Laurel Road fixed.

Jim Fritsch, the Township Engineer, said he agrees with Bob Pearson and the work should be done together and the goal is to fix the problem.

Paul Murphy wanted to let the Board know that the Multi Modal Grant that was received requires possible re-submission if there are any major changes.

The Board has a proposal from Register & Associates dated August 1<sup>st</sup> for additional Laurel Road Survey Work on the North end of Laurel Road. The proposal covers survey work, wetlands delineation and existing conditions plan in the amount of \$9,000 but does not include any proposed design work. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the proposal for \$9,000, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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**Road Master Update:** Bob Pearson noted there was a meeting held on Laurel Road and it was a very good meeting and he thanked The Murphy's. Mr. Murphy acknowledged and thanked Bob.

Bob Pearson proposed to the Board a purchase for a rotary broom to hook to our 590 backhoe. A quote was received from Eagle Power in the amount of \$14,761.06. This would be helpful to clean up stones from intersections and roads throughout the year. We would still need to contract a sweeping contractor for the subdivisions each Spring for clean-up.

Bob also noted his tar and chipping repairs for this season will not exceed \$45,000 reduced from \$90,000.

The other two Board members asked for a month to think about the decision.

**Flag @ Township Building:** Bob Pearson said all members of the Board are patriotic and provide a huge amount of time devoted and dedicated in making decisions in the best interest of the Township and residents.

Bob noted he has been on the Board around 40 years. He feels the flag has been overlooked during this time and feels the flag should fly and fly 24/7, 365 days a year with the proper light.

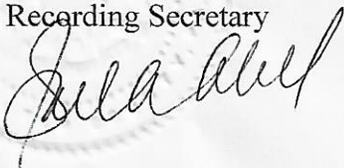
He feels there is a lot of ugliness in the Country overall and the National Football teams can't even resolve the National Anthem. He said the Country is at a different place in time right now.

He would like the Board to consider flying the flag 24/7, 365 days a year with light and made the motion as such, Bill Kelsall seconded. Bill Kelsall said he respects the flag but is not a symbols person. Bill Kelsall commented he does not appreciate the direct derogatory comments towards Janie Baird.

Janie Baird said there is a motion and a second to fly the American flag with a light at the Township Garage 24/7, 365. Bob Pearson and Bill Kelsall voted in favor and Janie Baird voted nay.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Abel  
Recording Secretary

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