

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road, and via Zoom link. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Jim Cornell (Vice-Chair) and Bob Pearson, and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

Announcements: No announcements were made.

Comments: No comments were received.

Minutes: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the December 13, 2021, Board Meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved. Ms. Abel also presented the minutes of the January 3, 2022, Re-Organizational Meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Ms. Abel presented the monthly Financial Report: As of December 31, 2021, the Township had \$911,838.83 on deposit, including \$540,199.33 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represents a net decrease of \$17,547.78 since November 30, 2021. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Payment Authorization: Ms. Abel presented a list of pending bills, invoices, and other recurring/routine payments totaling \$143,019.01; \$110,489.64 from the general fund, \$625.67 from the State Liquid Fuel Fund, \$27,030.37 from the Fire & EMS Tax Account, and a debit from TD Bank for \$4,873.33 and requested payment authorization.

Ms. Abel also requested authorization to transfer \$12,000 from the General Fund to the Fire & EMS Tax Account for additional contributions as per the 2022 budget to cover payments in January for Q1 2022. Mr. Pearson inquired if the Asphalt Industry invoice included hauling. Ms. Abel responded that it did not, and that hauling invoices have not yet been received.

With no further discussion, Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payment and transfer authorizations was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Discussion Re: Vacating a Portion of Laurel Road: After initial discussion, it was the preliminary sense of the Board that the following portion of Laurel Road should be vacated (the "Proposed Portion"): From 20-30 feet north of the driveway serving 629 Laurel Road to 20-30 feet south of the driveway serving 615 Laurel Road. Mr. Berardino Durbano (owner of the property at 629 Laurel Road) joined the via Zoom and explained that his main concern was the ongoing use of the Proposed Portion by hikers, cyclists and drivers of all-terrain vehicles. Mr. Cornell noted that once the Township abandoned the right-of-way, the affected landowners would have the right to control access to the same extent that they can restrict trespassing on the rest of their property. No other comments were raised. Mr. Pearson's

motion to direct the Township Solicitor draw up the necessary documents to formally initiate the process of vacating the Proposed Portion of Laurel Road was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company ("PML") Five-Year Strategic Plan: Mr. Kelsall welcomed Jeff Groves, PML's Trustee Chairman, and thanked him and his PML colleagues for their many years of service. PML is a 100%-volunteer organization, with no paid firefighters or administrative staff. Mr. Pearson expressed his hope for PML's continued success and good health. Mr. Groves in turn thanked the Newlin Township and its Supervisors for their ongoing support. He then summarized the PML Strategic Plan, noting its purpose: To clearly define the mission and goals of PML and to establish a guide for continued excellence as PML faces the ongoing challenges of providing fire services during the next five years.

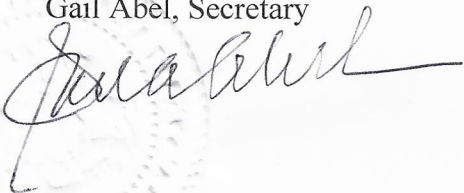
Indian Hannah Road Grant Opportunity Application: Mr. Pearson advised that Barbara Forney, Assistant Road Master, had submitted for the Board's consideration a Chester County Conservation District ("CCCD") Road Maintenance Grant Application for Indian Hannah Road. The grant request is for \$218,812.00 (with an in-kind contribution in the amount of \$118,150.00 for a total project value of \$336,962.00). Mr. Pearson's motion to submit the Application to the CCCD was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

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

Time: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary

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