

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Jim Cornell (Vice-Chair) and Bob Pearson. As Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel was unable to attend, Mr. Cornell served as Secretary of the meeting.

Comments: Edwin Lewis advised that people have been dumping trash along Harveys Bridge Road, that he had witnessed a local landowner doing so and that he had notified the State Police.

Richard Mitchell advised that since the Supervisors' December meeting he had counted 37 cars using his driveway to turn around due to the Laurel Road closure. Mr. Kelsall noted that shortly after the closure of Lost Trail Road several years ago, numerous vehicles had been seen turning around, but that this problem had gradually subsided as drivers adjusted their routes. Messrs. Mitchell and Pearson discussed a number of approaches to discourage the Laurel Road turn-arounds, including explicit signage and setting the gate marking the northern end of the vacated portion of Laurel Road just north of Mr. Mitchell's driveway.

Minutes for Approval: Mr. Cornell presented the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Board Meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved. Mr. Cornell next presented the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Re-Organizational meeting. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve those minutes was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Mr. Cornell presented the Treasurer's monthly Financial Report: As of December 31, 2022, the Township had \$1,031,717.70 on deposit, including \$665,715.49 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represents a net increase of \$26,764.05 since November 30, 2022. Mr. Pearson's motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Bill Payment Authorization: Mr. Cornell presented a list of pending bills, invoices and other recurring/routine payments, totaling \$99,098.06, \$65,606.69 from the general fund; \$29,963.98 from the Fire & EMS Special Revenue Fund; and \$3,527.39 from the Liquid Fuel Fund. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve the requested payments was seconded by Mr. Kelsall and unanimously approved.

Special Proclamation: Mr. Kelsall read aloud in its entirety a proposed ***PROCLAMATION Recognizing Bennett Baird for 11 years of Exemplary Service to Newlin Township***. In the ensuing discussion, each Supervisor conveyed additional praise and gratitude, and Mr. Baird graciously thanked them for the opportunity to serve. Mr. Pearson's motion to adopt the Proclamation (attached hereto) was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

Resolution Designating Emergency Service Providers: Mr. Kelsall presented the annual resolution designating the Township's emergency service providers, advising that there were no changes since the August 2022 update of last year's resolution except for the appointment of Richard Hicks as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Pearson's motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

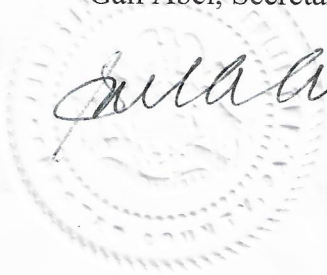
Road Master Update: Mr. Pearson advised that as part of the Laurel Road culvert project, he had decided to install an additional 36-inch elliptical pipe; he estimated that the work on Indian Hannah road would be completed in early Spring; he praised Assistant Road Master Barbara Forney for her efforts in applying for an \$89,000 grant under Pennsylvania's Dirt & Gravel Road Program for a portion of Scott Road; and he announced that he expected to start work soon on the rehabilitation of Youngs Road, which has deteriorated due to increased traffic resulting from the Embreeville Bridge closure.

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

Time: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Abel", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned to the right of a faint circular seal.

Proclamation

Recognizing Bennett Baird for 11 years of Exemplary Service to Newlin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors honors Bennett Baird for his tireless and inspired efforts and accomplishments as a **Newlin Township citizen/volunteer**;

WHEREAS, among his many contributions of service to Newlin Township since 2012:

- Bennett has regularly advised the Supervisors regarding the financial needs and service areas of the Township’s first responders – initially as a member of our FEMS Committee.
- Bennett led the Township in the formation in 2017 of the six-township Kennett Fire & EMS Regional Commission (“KFERC”) - one of Pennsylvania’s earliest efforts to seek a regional approach to the funding and delivery of fire and emergency services.
- Bennett has masterfully represented Newlin Township as a KFERC Commissioner since 2017.
- As leader of our Building Committee, Bennett has faithfully maintained and enhanced the Township’s physical plant - including the efficient and appealing renovation of our Embreeville Road rental property.
- Bennett has consistently elevated the dialogue at our monthly Board Meetings with a steady supply of information, analyses and observations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Newlin, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the citizens of Newlin Township, do hereby express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for Bennett Baird’s commitment and devoted service to the Township, wish him happiness and success in his retirement, and pray that he will continue to elevate our dialogue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Newlin Township to be affixed this 9th day of January 2023.

William J. Kelsall, Chair

James H. Cornell, Vice Chair

Robert R. Pearson