

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021**

Call to Order: The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, at the Township Garage located at 1751 Embreeville Road. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Bob Pearson and Jim Cornell, and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

Announcements: Mr. Kelsall announced that the Supervisors had held an executive session after last month's meeting in order to discuss employee compensation for 2022.

Comments: Mr. Kelsall advised that after receipt of several complaints about speeding on Brandywine Creek Road and Youngs Road (which are owned and maintained by PennDOT) he had researched the feasibility of installing flashing speeding monitoring signs, and that they would cost around \$4,000 to purchase and install. He mentioned that the speeding related to increased traffic on those roads following the closure of the Embreeville Road Bridge (which had been damaged by Hurricane Ida flooding). Mr. Pearson undertook to see if the Township could borrow one or more of those signs from neighboring townships. Mr. Ed Lewis, residing at 625 Harvey's Bridge Road, inquired if PennDOT had established a date to re-open the Bridge. Mr. Pearson responded that he understood that would occur sometime in 2023.

Minutes: Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the November 8, 2021, Board 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 November 30, 2021, the Township had \$929,386.61 on deposit, including \$545,644.30 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net decrease of \$6,807.78 since October 31, 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 \$29,522.77; \$18,588.83 from the general fund, \$5,708.05 from the Fire and Ems tax account and \$5,225.89 from the State Liquid Fuel Fund and requested payment authorization. Mr. Pearson's motion to authorize the payment of the listed items was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

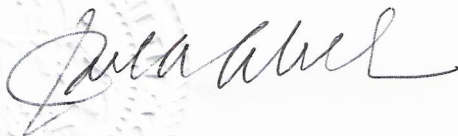
Ms. Abel also announced she would be moving \$150,000 of unrestricted funds from Truist Bank to Malvern Bank in light of Malvern Bank's higher interest rates on deposits.

Kennett Library Introduction: Jeff Yetter, President of Kennett Library's Board of Trustees, reviewed the status of the drive to fund construction of the new Library building (expected to open in Kennett Square during the first quarter of 2023), and thanked the Township for its generous support. He also introduced Chris Manna, the Library's new Director, who brings 22 years of library experience. Mr. Manna summarized his vision for the Library's role in the community.

2022 Budget: Mr. Kelsall advised that the biggest change in next year's budget is the increase in fire and EMS expenses (with additional increases expected in future years). The need for these increases arises mainly from the statewide decline in volunteers (requiring increasing use of paid firefighters – especially during daytime hours). Mr. Cornell mentioned that the Township could be facing additional increases due to the pending closures of Brandywine Hospital and Jennersville Hospital. With no further discussion, Mr. Pearson's motion to adopt the 2022 Budget was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Abel, Secretary



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Abel", is written over a faint circular official seal. The seal contains text around its perimeter, including "TOWNSHIP OF BRANDYWINE" and "DECEMBER 19 2013".