

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting Minutes**

December 6, 2017

The Newlin Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting to work on the proposed 2018 budget and funding for grants awarded to the Township, on Wednesday, December 6th, 8:30 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. The meeting, which was advertised in the Daily Local News on Wednesday, December 29, 2017, was open to the public. In attendance were Supervisors Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson and Secretary, Gail Abel along with Jim Fritsch from Regester Associates.

Public Comments: None

Janie Baird announced that the Multi-modal grant for Laurel Road, awarded from DCED, was \$754,354. The Board had anticipated the Township match requirement would be around \$350,000 - \$400,000. The matching funds required, according to DCED, are \$689,817. At the same time the Township has been awarded a Chester County Conservation District (CCCD) grant for low volume roads for the end of Laurel Rd near Mortonville. The projected cost is \$534,888; the grant award is \$335,000; the Township match is \$197,909. The Beagle Club Road project was awarded a dirt and gravel road CCCD grant of \$125,509 with a Township match \$70,500.

The total Township match on all three projects is \$958,226.

Township funds were discussed. Janie Baird thought that the Township would need to apply for some type of financing in order to cover all the matching requirements. Janie Baird had researched a Pa Infrastructure Loan which, if used for a natural disaster such as flooding, would qualify for a 0% interest rate and liquid fuel funds could be used to repay the loan over a possible 10 year period. Further information is needed on this loan.

Bob Pearson commented he is trying to get the Glenelg Road dedication in order so it could be on the January agenda. Jim Hatfield, from VanDemark & Lynch, has been on the project since it started. All reviews have been done by Kristin Camp, Esq. representing Newlin and Frone Crawford Esq. representing East Marlborough Township. Bob asked the Board if they would be satisfied with Jim Hatfield signing off on the project and not bringing in another engineer. At this time Janie Baird announced that effective January 1, 2018 Jim Fritsch with Regester Associates will be the Township engineer. Jim Fritsch said he would be fine with Jim Hatfield finalizing the Glenelg project; the other Board members agreed.

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

