

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, January 11, 2016, convened at 8:00 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Chair, Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, Bob Pearson, and Secretary, Gail Abel.

**Announcement Period:** Janie Baird provided the below announcements prior to opening the comment period.

Remember to take part in the survey regarding Lieds Park. The survey is available at [newlintownship.org](http://newlintownship.org) under News and Events.

There will be an Executive Session with our Solicitor on 1/18/16 regarding Ordinance 2014-01. This comes under the authority of Section 708.4 of the Sunshine Law

There will be an advertised joint work session with the Supervisors and the Planning Commission with Ann Hutchinson of NLT on 1-27-16 at 8:15 here regarding the Agricultural Preservation Area and how to come into compliance with the Regional Plan.

If your item of interest is on the agenda, we ask that you wait until we get to that point in the agenda and you will be allowed to comment or ask questions.

As a reminder, only Newlin residents will be given the opportunity to speak and time will be limited to 5 minutes per resident. Please give your name and Newlin address when speaking.

It was announced is you plan to voice record or video you must announce your name.

**Comment Period:** There were no public comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, December 14, 2015 were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the annual re-organizational meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Person and the vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** Read by Gail Abel. Bob Pearson made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

**Building/Zoning Officer:** December report showed 8 permits were issued, 1 agricultural building.

**Emergency Services:**

West Bradford Fire Company: December report showed 29 total responses, with zero responses reported in Newlin.

**Right to Know Requests:** The Township had one right to know request since the last meeting.

**Appoint Planning Commission Member:** There was a vacancy to fill on the Planning Commission after Steve Cope's resignation. Janie Baird made a motion to nominate Michael Mayer to fill out the remaining term expiring in 2018. Bob Pearson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Fee Schedule Resolution Right to Know – 2016-02:** Janie Baird announced each year the Board reviews the fee schedules to determine if any changes need to be made. The only schedule that needed amending is the Right-To-Know schedule which reflects a new contact name for appeals. Bill Kelsall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-02 with said changes, Bob Pearson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**FEMA Flood Map:** Janie Baird announced the Township is in receipt of a preliminary copy of the flood insurance rate map and flood insurance study from FEMA. There are currently 6 properties in the township which were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area. These properties will be revalidated free of charge one day after the revised flood insurance rate map becomes effective through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the previous map changes.

There is a FEMA meeting scheduled for January 12 from 1:30pm-4:30pm which Janie and a representative from Cedarville will attend.

**Open Space:** The Supervisors have mentioned at our last 4 meetings the Open Space Referendum to be prepared for November 8, 2016 Election. We have a draft letter to be included with the 2016 Township tax bills. We are able to include this in the tax bills at a very reasonable cost to the Township. Bill Kelsall made a motion to approve the draft letter to be sent out with the tax invoices by Berkheimer, Bob Pearson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Open space taxes in surrounding Townships include:

Pocopson Township at 1.0 mil

East Marlborough at .2 mil

Kennett Township at .25% on EIT (on top of an already 1% EIT for a total of 1.25% EIT)

According to Jeff Schelling of Chester County Open Space Preservation, 20 + townships in Chester County have dedicated open space taxes by referendum 3 have property tax: .79 mil; 1.0 mil and .2 mil, the remainder of open space funds come from EIT at .5% and .25%

The Board tabled the discussion of setting a millage. Preparing for an Open Space referendum is a long process as all the paperwork and hearings have to be completed and sent to Voter Services 13 Tuesdays before the Election

**Laurel Road Update:** Correspondence was received from Steve Dadio at Cedarville Engineering. Steve said The Commonwealth Financing Authorizing (CFA) Board had a meeting scheduled for January 12, 2016 where it was expected that they would vote on awarding funding from Multi-Modal Grant applications.

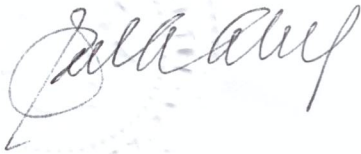
Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled, the next meeting is scheduled for March. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive meeting that has been cancelled.

Steve contacted the Department of Community and Economic Development analyst who said that these cancellations are likely due to the ongoing budget crisis in Harrisburg. This is likely to not be resolved until there is an approved budget.

Concerned residents can contact State Representative Ross directly for any questions.

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

Time: 8:20pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Abel  
Recording Secretary

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