

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, April 13, 2015, convened at 8:00 p.m. at the Lenfest Center, Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA. Present were Chair, Janie Baird, Bill Kelsall, and Secretary, Gail Abel, Bob Pearson was unable to attend.

**Announcement Period:** Janie Baird announced if you plan to voice record or video record any or all of the meeting, you must state your intention to do so at the beginning of the meeting and identify yourself. Anyone who is videoing must stand in the back right-hand side of the room while video recording.

If your area of interest is on the agenda we would ask that you wait until we get to that item. If it is not you may comment at this time. We request that you hold your comments to 5 minutes per person and that you identify yourself by name and address.

We have been in touch with the County in reference to Harvey's Bridge deck repairs and were told that in the next couple of weeks they will be posting a sign giving notice of the bridge closure date. Closure for repairs could last for two weeks depending on what the inspection reveals.

Many residents that live near ChesLen have received a letter notifying them of the controlled burn at the Unionville barrens to take place one or two days between early April and mid-May.

Gail and Janie will be attending the PSATS Conference in Hershey Sunday – Tuesday but will be available via phone or email.

An additional agenda item has been added, item #10 Muriel George for a History Committee Update.

**Comment Period:** Kelly Boone, Laurel Road resident asked if Mr. Pearson will be joining the meeting, Janie Baird replied that he is unable to attend this evening.

Rich Mitchell asked how the Horse Boarding issue is going. Janie Baird said there have been seven Zoning Hearings and one is being contested.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, March 9, 2015 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Janie Baird and the vote was unanimous.

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

**Building/Zoning Officer:** March report shows ten inspections have been performed. Thirty-two inquiries have been received. Two permits was issued in March, one finished basement and one solar array.

**Emergency Services:**

Good Fellowship Ambulance, March report has not been received.

West Bradford Fire Company: March report was received, 49 total responses with 3 in Newlin.

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

**FEMS – Fire and Emergency Services Committee Update:** Bennett Baird gave an update on the Fire & EMS Committee. Residents in Newlin have become more aware of the role, needs and challenges of our volunteer Fire Companies, and support for them is increasing.

The Committee will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thank You Party in late September or early October. Exact date and details are still being finalized but will be at the Lenfest Center again, with food from Hoods, a Raffle, and Live Music.

Bennett Baird and Bill Kelsall are working with Kennett Area Regional Planning representatives and area service providers to develop a strategy for more sustainable/cost effective EMS coverage in our area. Longwood Fire Company covers 50% of our Township, but we are only 1% of Longwood's coverage responsibility. No one is sure how to address this disconnect at this time, but a lot of talking, thinking, handwringing, meetings and option generating is going on. We may need to share in the cost of some consultant fees as we do this (shared based on our 1% coverage). Bennett Baird has requested that the Board approve a contribution for Newlin's share for a consultant study up to \$2000. Bill Kelsall made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for a consultant study, Janie Baird seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Laurel Road Discussion:** Tom Ziedman and wife Kelly Boon residing at 623 Laurel Road along with John Hughes 619 Laurel Road and Jeremy Clewell 625 Laurel Road were present to inquire about the Board's position on repairs to the driveway, pipe and turn around and/or any new updates on Laurel Road repairs. Janie Baird said that she has been in touch with assistants of Senators Dinniman and Pileggi and we are trying to get assistance with federal and state funding. There were no FEMA funds available because the storm did not do enough damage at the regional level. Kelly Boon said she has been in touch with Senator Pileggi and Senator Dinniman's office and said it is unfair to wait for a year and nothing be done. Janie Baird commented it took the Township 13 years for the bridge repairs on Green Valley. Brandywine Creek Road was closed for 3-4 years. Janie Baird asked if there is a maintenance agreement on the shared drive. A formal agreement by and between the Township and the driveway owners was discussed. The Township will prepare a draft and circulate for review.

**Muriel George – History Committee Update:** Muriel George said despite the road issues, Newlin is beautiful and we have several historic properties that have been researched. The committee works with a great consultant, John Milner. Last year the committee completed and documented 6 properties researched all the way back to

committee completed and documented 6 properties researched all the way back to William Penn. This year there will be an additional 6 to be researched for a total of 26 properties documented. She also reported that Buck and Doe Trust has invited them to attend their group.

**Pocopson Creek Line of Credit Release:** Pocopson Creek Sub-Division has requested the final release of the Letter of Credit (LOC) in the amount of \$13,414.87. The Board has in place a maintenance bond and a \$500 escrow for the final inspection at the end of the twenty-four (24) month period. Janie Baird made a motion to release the final LOC, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Nuisance Ordinance:** Janie Baird said the Planning Commission has been working on language for a Nuisance Ordinance. The Township has found the need to strengthen the Zoning Ordinance for enforcement of certain nuisances. Further discussion will take place in May.

**Shadow Vehicle Discussion:** Janie Baird recently attending a CCATO convention and learned that there was a new mandate in 2014 by Penn Dot. For any of the Township's mowing equipment that has wheels on the road, we must have a shadow vehicle following. This poses a problem since we only have one maintenance staff member. The Board is considering options.

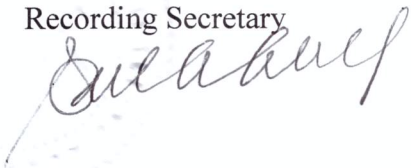
**Adjournment:** With no further business, Bill Kelsall made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Janie Baird and the vote was unanimous.

**TIME: 9:17pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel

Recording Secretary

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