

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes**

**June 13, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting of Monday, June 13, 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 announced that immediately following the meeting there will be an executive session on a personnel issue.

The next Embreeville Zoning Hearing is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The date was changed after it was published in the Kennett Paper.

**Comment Period:** No public comments

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Public Hearing, held on Monday, May 9, 2016 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Pearson and the vote was unanimous.

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**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. Bob Pearson made a motion to authorize a transfer from the general fund to the Fire & Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$2,500 at TD Bank. This is necessary to keep from being charged a monthly service charge. Janie Baird seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Emergency Services:**

West Bradford Fire Company: May report showed 26 total responses, with one response reported in Newlin.

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

**Molly Morrison-Open Space Presentation:** Molly Morrison, President of Natural Lands Trust, attended to discuss open space and the advantages of the Township adopting an open space tax. She said at the end of the day land is either going to be protected as open space or developed. Chester County has a large demand for land for new construction and if the land is not protected it will eventually be developed. The Township could take the sideline and see what happens but it has been proven that in order to provide services for new residents, school and county taxes will go up. A small open space tax is

much cheaper than developments which then increase the need to expand the schools and transportation access. There are currently 35 township in Chester County that have an open space tax. Those are the townships that are getting grants to fund easements. A DCED study found surveyed people wanted to conserve open space and protect the land.

Jim Cornell ask what does it cost to put an easement on an acre. Molly listed the criteria that can affect the costs but because each property has its own unique circumstances, the costs vary.

**1555 Embreeville Road-Stormwater Management Agreement:** Letter of recommendation for approval was received from Cedarville Engineering dated June 7<sup>th</sup> indicating they had completed a grading and Stormwater management review. Janie Baird made a motion to approve the Stormwater Management Operating and Maintenance Agreement, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Laurel Road:** Janie Baird announced that the Commonwealth Financing Agency did not meet today as planned; the meeting has been postponed until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

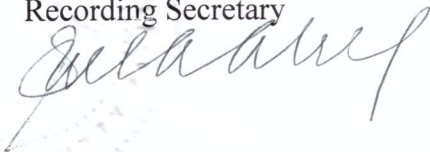
**Adjournment:** With no further business, Bill Kelsall made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bob Pearson and the vote was unanimous.

Time: 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel

Recording Secretary

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