

**Newlin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The Board of Supervisors' monthly Board Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, via Zoom Internet. Present were Supervisors Bill Kelsall (Chair), Bob Pearson and Jim Cornell, and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Abel.

**Announcements:** Mr. Kelsall announced that the Supervisors held an executive session on February 1, 2021, to discuss real estate matters.

**Comments:** No public comments.

**Minutes:** Ms. Abel presented the minutes of the January 11, 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 January 31, 2021, the Township had \$1,703,341.08 on deposit, including \$1,417,475.29 in general and unrestricted funds. Overall, this represented a net increase of \$162,735.44 since December 31, 2020. Mr. Pearson's motion to approve 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 \$57,611.79; 51,550.32 from the general fund and \$6,061.47 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.

**Laurel Road Property Acquisitions:** Mr. Kelsall reviewed developments since a 2014 flood washed out at least 800 feet of Laurel Road:

After several years of planning and engineering, the Supervisors concluded that reconstruction of the washed-out section of the road would be cost-prohibitive. The Township Engineer next began exploring an alternative plan to relocate a portion of Laurel Road over the closed Strasburg landfill. In 2020, after a suggestion by a Laurel Road homeowner affected by the washout, the Supervisors began examining a third alternative: Acquisition of the three occupied lots that would be impacted by any future Laurel Road washout.

Based on recently completed appraisals, the combined fair value of those three properties is \$1,650,000 - considerably less than the cost of either reconstruction or relocation of Laurel Road.

After discussion, Mr. Pearson's motion to acquire the following three properties in fee simple, by condemnation or by agreements of sale in lieu of condemnation, was seconded by Mr. Cornell and unanimously approved:

619 Laurel Road (John & Mary Hughes)

623 Laurel Road (Kelly Boon & Emeric Zeidman)

625 Laurel Road (Jeremy & Renee Clewell)

**Codification – Authorization to Advertise Ordinance for Adoption:** Mr. Kelsall said the Planning Commission had completed its review of General Code's codification of the Township's accumulated ordinances (the "Code") (a project commenced in September 2017) and had recommended that the Board adopt the Code as soon as practicable. After discussion, Jim Cornell's motion to advertise the Board's intention to adopt the Code at the March 8 Board Meeting was seconded by Mr. Pearson and unanimously approved.

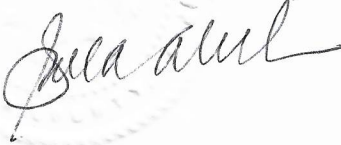
**Adjournment:** Prior to adjournment, Mr. Pearson noted the substantial local snowfalls that had occurred over the past week, and complimented Rob Mastrippolito and Newlin's snow contractor for their snow removal efforts.

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

Time: 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel, Secretary

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