

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

April 8, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019, 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.

Janie Baird announced that Mr. Tom Oeste from Kristin Camp's office was present along with other guests, Mr. Charles Brogan from Good Fellowship Ambulance, Loren Pearson and Megan Walters from the Kennett Library, and Paul Lysko from Chester County Bee Keepers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement Period: No announcements.

Comment Period: No public comments.

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting, held on Monday, March 11, 2019, were read and reviewed. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous

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

The 2018 Financial Audit has been filed with DCED. The Secretary thanked the Auditors for a seamless review. Copies have been provided to the Supervisors. Janie Baird thanked Jim Cornell for filling the auditor vacancy for 2019.

Emergency Services:

West Bradford Fire Company: March report was received, 34 total calls, 2 in Newlin.

Modena Fire Company: March report was received, 98 total calls, 2 in Newlin.

Good Fellowship Ambulance: Chaz Brogan, Director of Operations at Good Fellowship has joined us with an in-person update. He said Good Fellowship is a non-profit 501C3 organization. They are one of the only EMS providers in the area; most are both Fire & EMS.

Good Fellowship was founded in 1951. They own 6 Ambulances, 4 are staffed during the day and 2 staffed during the evening.

Chaz announced there is a Legislative Night on Thursday, May 9th for all elected officials. There is also a Community Open House on May 22nd from 5:30pm-8:00pm

March report was received showing 0 calls in Newlin.

Janie Baird thanked Chaz for working with Bill Kelsall and Bennett Baird on the Kennett Regional Fire Commission. Bennett Baird provided an overview of Newlin's coverage area. Po Mar Lin, Modena Fire Co & Longwood Ambulance reports are received by the Regional Fire Committee.

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

1050 Glenhall Road Zoning Hearing Application: John Lentz and Greg Wagman from Marsh Creek Homes LLC and their engineer, Adam Brower, from Edward B. Walsh & Associates attended the meeting to look for support for the Zoning Hearing that is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th. They do not want to create a Home Owner's Association for 3 lots. There are approximately 5.91 acres available for the required greenway space. The applicant wanted to know if the Board had a preference for layout. Tom Oeste commented that the open space has to be accessible to all residents and that homes had to face the open space.

Barb Forney inquired if this application has been before Newlin's Planning Commission and stated that they would be a great resource as the advisory commission and they know the ordinance inside and out.

Bob Pearson commented it would be best if the applicants discuss this at the Planning Commission level first. It may be in the applicant's best interest to potentially postpone the Zoning Hearing until a discussion with the Planning Commission.

Tom Oeste commented they need more variances than they anticipate and suggest they postpone the Zoning Hearing and present to the Planning Commission.

Kennett Library: Megan Walters spoke on the changes coming to the Kennett Library. The Library is in its 123rd year. Patrons borrowed 175,000 items (books, DVDs, books online, etc.). Over 1,000 free programs were produced for children, teens, young adults, and adults. Nearly 1,000 students attended English as a Second Language classroom instruction in Kennett Square, Oxford, and Avon Grove. All accomplished with a full-time staff of 10.

Municipal Donations for 2018 equaled \$656.1K; the State and Chester County contributed in total \$177.3K in 2018. 2018 revenue produced another surplus. Expenses were 97% of revenue, yielding a net of \$32K. The Library Board is viewing the library as a true community center with a built-in library: 2-floors, 25,000 square feet with surface parking for 37 cars. An additional 60 spots can be accommodated at the YMCA.

Newlin Historical Society: RoseLynn Malarek introduced a progress report for the Newlin Historical Society NHS. She invited the Board and guests to the second general meeting that will be held on April 15th at KOA's Liberty Lodge.

NHS officially organized in July 2018. The first general meeting was in November 2018. They have 29 current members with a contact list of over 40. They have their official website and are on Facebook. The primary mission is to research and preserve Newlin's history.

206 Northbrook Road-Peter Giangulio & Barbara Geraghty Agricultural Security Addition: A proposal for an addition to Newlin's agricultural security area was received October 1, 2018. To save a hearing and advertising costs, the Township usually waits the 180 day waiting period and passes a resolution to add the property to our ASA.

The property for addition is Parcel 49-3.3.1 with a total acreage of 3.3 acres and is owned by Castle Rock Farm. Castle Rock Farm has 111.6 contiguous acres in West Bradford Township.

The 180 day waiting period has passed so we have Resolution 2019-08 which would include the addition of the 3.3 acres. The Resolution will be recorded, and notification will be sent to the Chester County Planning Commission and Newlin's Planning Commission indicating the parcel in Newlin has been added to the ASA.

Janie Baird called for a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2019-08. Bob Pearson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Chester County Bee Keepers: Paul Lysko from Chester County Bee Keepers provided pollinating information on Chester County Bee Keepers non-profit organization. They have over 600 members in the club. They educate about beekeeping. They raise queens and sell for nominal fees to members. Cheslen has granted space off of Brandywine Drive where the Club trains beginners. They store some of their supplies at this location. Drones, which are the male bee species have to be kept at a separate location. The club is requesting the Board's permission to maintain hives at the Township property for the storage of the Drones. The Board supports the bees and the storage of the Drones at the Township property located at 1751 Embreeville Road.

Brandywine Creek Road Update: Janie Baird announced that Brandywine Creek Road is scheduled to close in both directions between Green Valley Road and Powell Road on Monday, April 15th for the start of work to stabilize, restore and improve a flood-damaged section of the highway.

During construction, westbound and eastbound motorists will use Route 162 and Strasburg Road to access Brandywine Creek Road. The closure will be in place through the end of construction scheduled in summer 2020.

Under this project, PennDOT's contractor will install a retaining wall along failed slope areas; reconstruct and protect the streambank; and restore the existing pavement and guide rail along Brandywine Creek Road.

Road-Con Inc. of West Chester is the general contractor on the \$5,616.723 project. Construction on Brandywine Creek Road is being financed with 100 percent state funds.

Janie Baird announced that Green Valley Road Construction is on hold until Brandywine Creek Road gets finalized.

Laurel Road Update: Janie Baird announced there are no updates.

Beagle Club Bids: Notice of Bid was published in the Daily Local News on March 15th & March 22nd for construction materials needed for Beagle Club Road culvert replacement. One unopened bid was provided to the Road Master, Bob Pearson. The bid was from Terre Hill Concrete Products for a precast box culvert and two end sections for \$31,500, add for pressure grout P.T. Ducts \$2,000, cost of performance bond \$335. Product delivery no ear-

lier than September 2019. Bob Pearson made a motion to accept the bid subject to the deadline for the Conservation District due to the grant application, seconded by Janie Baird and the vote was unanimous.

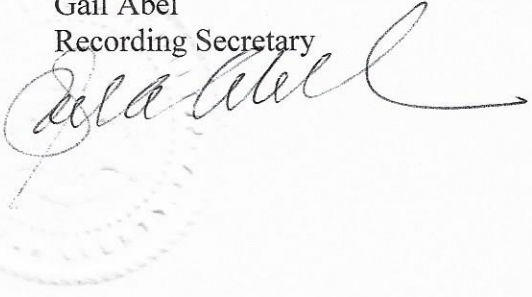
Adjournment: With no further business, Bob Pearson made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

Time: 8:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gail Abel', is written over a faint, circular official seal. The seal contains some illegible text around its perimeter.