

**Newlin Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2015

Janie Baird opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-02 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. The Hearing was advertised in the Daily Local News on July 22, 2015

The proposed Ordinance is a stand-alone Ordinance separate from our Zoning Ordinance. It was prepared by our Planning Commission and approved by our solicitor, John Good. Because it is a stand-alone ordinance it does not have to be submitted to the Chester County Planning Commission for their comments. A stand-alone ordinance is far more superior for enforcing nuisance regulations than what is included in our zoning ordinance.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Call to Order: Janie Baird made a motion that the Board of Supervisors adopt Ordinance 2015-02; Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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.

Comment Period: Caroline Haas announced that the 3rd Annual Thank our Volunteers Party will be held October 10th at the Lenfest Center. Tickets are on sale and only 300 will be sold. There will be music, food, beer and wine, a silent auction and a tour of ChesLen Preserve.

Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meeting, held on Monday, July 13, 2015 were read and reviewed. Bill Kelsall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Pearson 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: July report shows thirteen inspections have been performed. Thirty inquiries have been received. One permit was issued in July for a demolition.

Emergency Services:

Good Fellowship Ambulance, July report has not been received.

West Bradford Fire Company: July report shows 33 total responses, 1 in Newlin.

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

Kennett Public Library: Karen Ammon, the Newlin Township Library representative, was present to give an update on the recommended revisions to the current by-laws. Copies of the proposed by-laws were provided to the Board for review along with a 2014 fair share computation. Currently Newlin's contribution is \$9,000 per year but the fair share has been raised to \$10,372. Bob Pearson made a motion to raise the contribution for 2015 to \$10,500 to meet the fair share obligation, Bill Kelsall seconded and the vote was unanimous. The difference of \$1,500 will be mailed to the library for the balance of 2015. Janie Baird thanked Karen Ammon for her dedication to the library and for serving as Newlin's representative.

Karen Ammon also said the Library Board is working on a memorandum of understanding with the Borough for the possible purchase of the Weinstein Plumbing facility. She said they have not abandoned the Waywood Road project at this time.

Dirt & Gravel Road Grant Application: Janie Baird said the request for a grant through Chester County Conservation District was approved for Hilltop View Road. The district agrees to fund the eligible costs for this project in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$40,279.06. Bob Pearson said this will be a fall/winter project and we will need to put a bid together for boxes, pipe, a piece of equipment. The stone is already bid. Bob Pearson will sign the Maintenance Project Agreement.

Building Committee Update: Bill Kelsall said the Building Committee met last week and is recommending replacing the current tenant, that is due to vacate on September 1st, with a new tenant. The proposed rent is \$1,200 and the tenant is to pay the utilities. The committee is also suggesting dividing the electric for the two sides and installing two heat zones and winterizing the storage side of the house. A maintenance contract for the heater was also recommended as well as having the water looked at because it is brown. Bob Pearson made a motion to charge rent in the amount of \$1,200, which does not include utilities with the new tenant to pay electric and oil. Janie Baird seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Laurel Road Update: Janie Baird announced that the multimodal grant was submitted to DCED as of the end of July. There is not a set award date but the engineer will let us know when the results are announced.

We got a request from a resident for a speed limit sign between Strasburg Road and the section where the road was closed because of a consistently speeding vehicle on Laurel Road. A 25MPH sign has been installed.

Drew Gentile from Laurel Road requested a road closed sign be installed before you get to Wheatland Drive because once you get to the location of where the road closed sign is it is too late to turn around. Installing before Wheatland will give drivers an opportunity to turn around where they have room. Bob Pearson agreed the township would install a

sign. Drew Gentile also inquired about the overhead trees that are hanging low as well as the road banks need to be mowed. He said it is unsafe to travel.

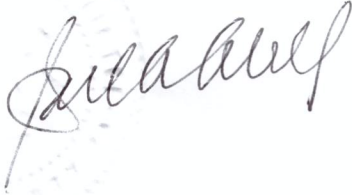
Adjournment: With no further business, Bob Pearson made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bill Kelsall and the vote was unanimous.

TIME: 8:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Abel

Recording Secretary

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