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In light of the numerous communications the Township has received over the past week, the Board of Supervisors wishes to provide the following information:

1. The August 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting was publicly canceled at the Board's July 19th public meeting, continuing the long-standing tradition of canceling the first meetings of both July and August of every year.
2. Under Pennsylvania law neither the Township nor the Board of Supervisors has the power or right to remove or discipline a sitting Township Supervisor. Article VI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania only allows for the removal of elected civil officers, including municipal governing body members, by the Governor of Pennsylvania for reasonable cause after due notice, and full hearing, on the advice of two-thirds of the Pennsylvania Senate.
3. The Township Manager is the chief administrative official of the Township appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Manager is the head of all administrative staff and activities and reports directly to the Board. The Township Manager does not have any control or say over the actions of the Board or the individual supervisors, as the Board is the elected body holding all executive and legislative power of the Township, and thus has the final say over all Township matters.
4. The Board of Supervisors expects all attendees at a public meeting to act in a mature manner that respects not only the Board and the Township staff and consultants, but also, any and all other attendees at the meeting, and does not prevent the Board from conducting the meeting efficiently and professionally, in compliance with Pennsylvania law. The Board will not tolerate scandalous, impertinent, or redundant comments; nor any comments or conduct disruptive to the meeting and interfering with the business of the Township, such as talking when not recognized by the Chair; talking beyond the allotted time; raising comments violative of these policies and procedures; raising non-Township related matters; and using foul or vulgar language or gestures. All comments at a public meeting should be substantive and not include any defamatory content or personal attacks. At all times, each attendee shall respect the point of view of others.
5. The Board of Supervisors allows any and all residents and taxpayers of New Britain Township to address the Board at any public meeting during the Public Comment portions of the meeting as is required by the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. Those residents/taxpayers wishing to address the Board during either Public Comment portion will be required to sign-in prior to the meeting starting by providing their name and address upon the sign-in sheet provided at the meeting. Each resident/taxpayer will be allowed 2 minutes to address the Board during Public Comment.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Township Solicitor, neither the Board of Supervisors nor the Township Manager will comment on any active civil or criminal investigations or legal matters.

Gregory T. Hood
Chairman
New Britain Township Board of Supervisors