A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 3, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members Helen B. Haun, John A. Bodden, and William B. Jones III. Chairman A. James Scanzillo was absent. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Colby Grim.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Cotton called the Meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Cotton led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements: Mr. Cotton announced that the Board had met prior to the Meeting in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and land preservation.

4. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes from May 6, 2013 Board of Supervisors’ Regular Meeting:

   MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to approve the May 6, 2013 Minutes as written.

6. Departmental Reports: Ms. Bradley reviewed the following monthly Reports for April 2013: Code Department; Police Department; and Public Works Department.

   MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden and carried unanimously, to approve the monthly Reports for April 2013 as written.

7. Consideration of Old Business: There was no Old Business at this time.

8. Consideration of New Business: July Fourth Tri-Municipal Parade: Ms. Bradley stated that the Park and Recreation Committee had recommended two people as Parade Marshals for the Annual Tri-Municipal Parade: Sergeant Joseph Myrick of Chalfont VFW Post #3258, currently serving on active duty with the U.S. Army recruiting service in Doylestown, who has also served overseas in the War on Terrorism; and Cameron Ralston, who currently serves as a Junior Park and Recreation board member and participates in all Township events over the last five years.

   MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to appoint Sergeant Joseph Myrick as Parade Marshal and Cameron Ralston as Junior Parade Marshal for the 2013 July Fourth Tri-Municipal Parade.

9. Consent Agenda: There were no Consent Agenda items at this time.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun thanked Nancy Jones and Donna Harle of the New Britain Township Republican Club for their efforts in planting flowers at the Chal-Brit Regional EMS Building on June 1.

Mr. Bodden stated that he had attended the annual North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) Annual Banquet, and was impressed by the Chair’s speech. Mr. Jones added that he was impressed by the fact that the Forest Park Water Treatment
Plant, jointly owned by NPWA and North Wales Water Authority (NWWA), was able to continue uninterrupted service during extended power outages as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

11. Township Administration Comments:

11.1. Resolution #2013-15, the New Britain Township Emergency Operations Plan: Ms. Bradley noted that the proposed Resolution represented a complete overhaul and update to the Township Emergency Operations Plan, making it more user friendly.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried to approve execution of Resolution #2013-15, adopting the revised and updated New Britain Township Emergency Operations Plan.

11.2. Fencing Regulations: Ms. Bradley noted that a number of Township residents were interested in instituting fencing regulations.

Mrs. Molly Thomas of W. Peace Valley Road stated that the tree protection fencing erected a year ago at 53 W. Peace Valley Road was only temporary fencing and was in a state of disrepair. The grass at the fence line was very high. Would the Township consider requiring fences to be of wood or metal construction only?

Mr. Joseph Cranzano of W. Peace Valley Road stated that the fence was an insult to the neighborhood. Mrs. Ceil Cranzano verified that the fence had been up almost one year.

Ms. Bradley noted that should the Township institute regulations requiring fencing to be of wood or metal materials, the owner at 53 W. Peace Valley could erect a chicken wire fence on the existing metal poles and be in compliance with the theoretical new regulations.

Mr. Cotton suggested research of regulations in other communities and input from the Planning Commission.

11.3. Lenape Valley Recreation Council Requests: Ms. Bradley stated that at a recent Staff meeting with representatives of Lenape Valley Baseball and Softball (LVRC), LVRC had requested installation of outfield fencing for Fields #4 and #6, and the installation of a 12’ x 20’ shed near Fields #4, #5 and #6 for storage of equipment and supplies.

Mr. Bodden stated that he saw no need for outfield fencing. Mrs. Haun added that fencing would add to maintenance issues. Mr. Jones said that he understood the need at the little league field, but not for all fields.

The Board agreed to forward the shed request back to the Park and Recreation Committee, with recommendation from the Public Works Department.

11.4. Resolution #2013-16, in support of Prevailing Wage Reform: Ms. Bradley noted that upon Board approval, the proposed Resolution would forwarded to elected officials in the General Assembly. The resolution urged the General Assembly to relieve taxpayers from the undue burden of paying Prevailing Wage rates on any project with an estimated value of $25,000.00 or greater.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried to approve execution of Resolution #2013-16, calling for reform of current Prevailing Wage laws.

12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: There were no remarks at this time.

13. Other Business: There was no Other Business at this time.

14. Public Comment: Mr. Stephen Stewart of Teresa Lane noted certain intersections where drivers were not stopping at posted stop signs, and asked police to patrol those intersections: New Galena Road westbound at Walter Road; Barry
Road at New Galena Road; Trewigtown at New Galena Road; and Schoolhouse Road at Trewigtown. Ms. Bradley made note of the intersections to forward to Chief Scafidi.

15. Payment of Bills:

15.1. Bills List dated June 3, 2013 for $88,902.90:

   MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated June 3, 2013 for $88,902.90.

16. Adjournment:

   MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr. Member

Attest: Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, III, Member