

New Britain Borough

Minutes

February 9, 2010

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Council was called to order by President David Donahue at 7:30 PM in the Borough Office. All council members were present. Also present were Mr. Mark Hintenlang, Mayor David Holewinski, Mr. Lloyd Vansant and Solicitor Michael Goodwin. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved

Resident's Remarks: Mr. Joe Cangelosi reported on having attended the Covered Bridge Society Meeting. They are moving quickly in their program to supply surveillance cameras for the covered bridges in Bucks County. They have received \$7,500 in grant money from the Bucks County Tourism Committee and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor. The Covered Bridge Society are working on fire retardents, low level lighting, surveillance cameras and sprinklers. Mr. Joe Bush, chairman of the Bucks County Department of Public Works, would like to see the surveillance cameras as number one priority. If one bridge is done correctly and it makes a difference, the County will make sure the other bridges are also completed. It was suggested that the Borough look into grant money to buy and install cameras on the Pine Valley Bridge.

NBBHPC: Ms. Donna VonLipseley of the New Britain Historical Preservation Committee supplied Council with a letter they would like to extend to owners of houses for sale in the Historic Overlay District, making the owner, realtor and new owner aware of the Borough's ordinance. The reaction from Council was positive.

Correspondence: for the month was reviewed.

December Treasurer's Report: for the month was reviewed.

December Tax Collector's Report: for the month was reviewed.

Fire, Building, Zoning & Road Reports: for the month were reviewed.

Manager's Report:

Administration: Mr. Hintenlang has prepared a GIS software/hardware comparison for review and discussion. It was decided that the Borough will stay with getting the information they need from Bucks County Planning. Mr. Hintenlang will continue to look at what is available.

Ms. Trymbiski has started getting quotes for liability and worker compensation insurance. She hopes to have all quotes at the April Council Meeting. The current policy

expires May 1, 2010. Mr Peter LaMontagne added that at a seminar for newly elected officials he learned that there can be a discount on workers compensation insurance if the municipality has a safety committee. Ms. Trymbiski will look in to that when speaking with the three agencies under consideration.

Three proposals have been received for painting the inside of the administration building. They are as follows:

Dan Chapman - \$4,150.00

CertaPro Oainters - \$3,900.00

John Schuster - \$1,775.00

Ms. Margaret Remmey motioned to accept the painting proposal of John Schuster in the amount of \$1,775.00; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved. The office will contact Mr. Schuster and set up a starting time.

Finance: Mr. Kim Willard of Economy Roofing and Siding has requested an escrow release in the amount of \$9,215.00 which has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Hintenlang. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the escrow release to Mr. Kim Willard for his land development project at Economy Roofing and siding in the amount of \$9,215.00; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and approved.

Roads: Snow plowing for the season so far is \$24,222.85.

Police: The police picked up the new Ford Crown Victoria 2010 last week. It is now being painted and outfitted.

Bike and Hike: Mr. Peter LaMontagne reported that at a recent seminar he learned that the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is no longer awarding grant money to trails less than 10 miles in length. He also did point out that any plans for trails are to be included in the municipality's comprehensive plan. Ms. Trymbiski has been asked to send a letter to Mr. Art Glass at Delaware Valley College, informing him of the three ideas for a trail crossing the college property and asking them to respond to which the college prefers. The committee hopes to have revisions to the plan by next month.

Groner: Mr. LaMontagne spoke about the Miller property which is across the creek. The Nature Preserve Committee feels it would be an asset to the Borough and that in previous conversations Mrs. Miller had hoped some of the property could be preserved. Mr. LaMontagne asked Mr. Hintenlang to see if he can obtain maps of the area dicussed. Mr. Hintenlang has received new GIS aerial maps showing boundary lines from the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Expenditures: Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve payment of the monthly expenditures; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

New Business: Council considered the advertisement of revised Ordinance 334 – Fats, Oil and Grease Regulations. The Borough will require restaurants to hire hauler/inspectors. The new ordinance will also give Bucks County Water & Sewer the ability to inspect. When the ordinance is approved Mr. Yatsky will send a letter to the businesses required to have a trap. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to advertise Ordinance 334 Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and approved.

Ms. Schafer, manager of Chalfont Borough, asked New Britain Borough if they would consider drafting a letter showing support for the Bristol Road Extension Project. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to have New Britain Borough join surrounding municipalities in writing a letter of support for the Bristol Road Extension; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved. Mayor Holewinski will write the letter.

Mr. LaMontagne informed Council that at the Newly Elected Official Seminar he also obtained information on a credit card issued by PLIGIT. The police department had inquired about a Borough credit card. Mr. Vasant will investigate a credit card for the Borough through PLIGIT.

Mr. Robert Belchic motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and the meeting ended at 8:00 PM.