

**New Britain Borough
Minutes
March 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 Hall. All council members were present. Also present were Mr. Mark Hintenlang, Ms. Robin Trymbiski, Mr. Lloyd Vasant, Mayor David Holewinski and Solicitor Michael Goodwin. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

The first guests of the evening were Darrel Stein of Sealmaster and Steve Jensen his engineer. They were before Council for final approval of Mr. Stein's Land Development Plan. This plan is actually an amended version of an already approved plan for Mr. Anthony Pileggi. Mr Mark Hintenlang's letter dated January 29, 2010 was reviewed. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve Mr. Stein's Land Development Plan subject to compliance with Mr. Hintenlang's letter dated January 29, 2010, including but not limited to I. Zoning, II. Subdivision and Land Development Section 6 and III. Miscellaneous; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remy and approved.

Resident's Remarks: Joe Cangelosi attended the latest meeting of the Covered Bridge Society. He confirmed that the Pine Valley Bridge is third on the list to be outfitted for security. All grant applications will be handled by the Society.

Mr. Dick Martin came to council to express his concerns about the snow plowing that was done on his street, Birch Road. He felt the snow plower did not remove an adequate amount of snow from the street and he had to hand dig out his mailbox in order to get deliveries. Council assured him that the plower for next year will be informed that the Borough will require more than one pass on the street.

Correspondence: for the month was reviewed.

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

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

Manager's Report:

Administration: Quotes for liability and workers compensation insurance should be available at the April meeting. The discount for forming a safety committee would equal approximately \$900/yr. After a brief discussion on the complexity of setting up a committee and the intensity of running such a committee with so few staff members involved (man hours paid for training etc.) it was decided that it would not be a smart financial move on the part of the Borough.

Joe Bush, County Roads and Bridges Department, informed Ms. Trymbiski that the Covered Bridge Society will be applying for grants twice a year (\$7,500 each) to place cameras on all Covered Bridges.

Ms. Trymbiski received a letter asking the Borough to pay recognition to Randal Teschner, former chief of the Chalfont Fire Company and David Yates former Fire Police Captain. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to award Randal Teschner and David Yates with a certificate of recognition accompanied by a tile of the Pine Valley Bridge, supplied by the Civic Association; seconded by Mr. Robert Belchic and approved.

Finance: Styers Associates have completed the audit of the Borough finances for 2009.

Roads: Snow removal costs so far this season is \$52,079.85

Bike and Hike: Peter LaMontagne and Robin Trymbiski will be meeting with Mr. Art Glass concerning Delaware Valley College's preference for trail location. After that has been decided, the committee will begin rewriting the plan. The new plan will move the trail to the south side of the railroad in the Septa right of way.

Nature Preserve/Groner: Solicitor Michael Goodwin has received a copy of the stipulation signed by Ms. Helen Early. He will be submitting this to the Orphan's Court. Mr. LaMontagne asked Council to consider the Landscape Design and Consultation Proposal for the Groner meadow. Mr. LaMontagne motioned to approve the spending of not more than \$1,800 on the Landscape Design and Consultation Proposal; seconded by Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski and approved.

Mr. LaMontagne informed Council that he has GPS pictures of the Nature Preserve and the surrounding area. He would like Council to discuss the idea of preserving Ms. Carol Miller's lot and the lower area of the neighboring lot (which has Larry Miller's former house on it) as part of the Nature Preserve. He would also like to look into the area across the creek which is owned by Township residents. Mr. Kermit Weitzel added that in today's economic times he is against the Borough spending anything.

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

Old Business: Solicitor Michael Goodwin reported that he had sent a letter on February 2, 2010, on Council's direction, to Smith Marine. The letter explained the expectations of the Borough concerning their violations of outside storage regulations. Mr. Goodwin has not heard from Smith Marine and has asked Council if they would like him to begin enforcement proceedings. Mr. Craig Sturza motioned to have Mr. Michael Goodwin begin enforcement proceeding against Smith Marine for their outside storage violations; seconded by Mr. Peter LaMontagne and approved.

New Business: Ms. Margaret Remy motioned to approve Ordinance 334 requiring periodic inspection and maintenance of oil and grease interceptors and /or traps, for all industrial, commercial and institutional establishments and providing penalties in regard to violations of the ordinance; seconded by Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski and approved.

Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve Resolution 2010-5 endorsing the DVRPC Revitalization Strategies for Butler Avenue; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remy and approved

Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and the meeting ended at 8:40 PM.