

**The New Britain Borough
Minutes
April 13, 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 except for Mr. Kermit Weitzel. Also present were, Ms. Robin Trymbiski, Mr. Mark Hintenlang, Mr. Lloyd Vansant, Mayor Dave Holewinski and Solicitor Michael Goodwin. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and the motion was approved.

Resident Remarks: Ms. Jackie D'Agostino expressed concerns regarding the impending traffic light at S. Tamenend and Route 202; temporary vs permanent fixture, speed and traffic during morning hours. Mr. Donahue explained Penn Dot's process of monitoring the temporary fixture to determine if a permanent fixture is warranted. Additionally, it was explained that typically a traffic light would cut down on the speed of drivers. Police will monitor the intersection and S. Tamenend during the morning hours.

Mr. Joe Cangelosi advised Council of his recent attendance at the Society of Covered Bridges meeting. He informed Council that estimates are being received at a slower rate than anticipated, but that the course and commitment of the Society has not changed.

Correspondence: No correspondence for review.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report for review due to software issues.

Tax Collector's Report: for March was reviewed.

Fire Marshall & Building and Plumbing Inspector's Report: for the month was reviewed. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski requested address on Tamenend to be confirmed.

Manager's Report:

Administration: The Spring Newsletter is being prepared; any additional requests for inclusion should be submitted immediately.

Finance: The Actuarial reports for the Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan were filed with the State Retirement Commission.

Mr. Vansant and Ms. Trymbiski met with the auditors, Styer and Associates, to review their deficient findings of the Borough's finances. All Board members are in receipt of a copy of this report and Borough's response. Styer and Associates have also completed and forwarded the report for the State.

Police: Police Department received two new laptop computers with funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

The new Crown Victoria patrol car is in service.

Officer Blake Hamer has been sworn in to the County Detectives drug task force.

The first three Truck Checks in the Borough resulted in over \$3,800 in fines levied against drivers and/or owners of faulty trucks.

The Borough received the first reimbursement check of \$3,891.45 from the State for the PLCB grant.

Merger Update: Chief Donald Bowers presented an overview of the merger status with Doylestown Borough PD, Doylestown Twp PD, Warwick Twp PD and New Britain Borough PD. Presentation was delivered to respective Board members on April 7, 2010. Currently awaiting Warwick Twp Board to agree to State study to proceed. Merger presentation will be uploaded to the New Britain Borough website.

Planning Commission: Minutes distributed to Borough Council.

Roads: Snow removal costs were over budget at \$60,785.09 year to date. Current budget of \$25,000, as in previous years, will remain the same next year.

Groner/Nature Preserve: Mr. LaMontagne described cleanup activities needed for the Groner property, woods and across the street from the Nature Preserve. Ms. Trymbiski will arrange for a contractor to handle the work. Mr. LaMontagne requested collections from impending street sweeping for the Borough be dumped at the Nature Preserve to be placed along the path where wet spots have depleted land.

Richard Wimer has been contacted to produce a recommendation regarding landscaping meadow to preserve its integrity. Actual work based on recommendation will be put out for bid.

Bike and Hike: Mr. LaMontagne advised Council of meeting on May 5, 2010 with Carol and Keith Miller to discuss acquiring a portion of their property (approximately 1 acre) along the flood plain in anticipation of creating a path from Almshouse, Nature Preserve through the Beulah Cemetery.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Resolution #2010-06 Tax Collection Committee Start Up Costs Grant was reviewed. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

Resolution #2010-07 Weston Land Development Extension was reviewed. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the Resolution; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and approved.

Liability insurance proposals were submitted and compared by Ms. Robin Trymbiski. Brown & Brown Insurance resulted in a \$7,500 annual savings and considerably lower deductible. Ms. Robin Trymbiski reported other Boroughs and Townships using Brown & Brown were pleased with their services. A motion to obtain liability insurance and workers compensation insurance as of May 1, 2010 through Brown & Brown was made by Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and approved.

Painting and carpeting of Police Department was discussed. Ms. Robin Trymbiski will obtain estimates of work and e-mail to Council members for review.

Mr. Peter LaMontagne suggested an incentive plan be instituted for Borough Manager's office regarding audit deficits. Mr. Dave Donahue disagreed with idea of incentive plans in general, however would consider further discussion of the topic.

Mr. Robert Belchic motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and the meeting ended at 8:55 PM.