

RESOLUTION 2004-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON AUTHORIZING AND EXECUTING A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION


BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough of West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania hereinafter referred to as the SPONSOR, that flooding and damages recur along Scholl Run, endangering the public health and welfare; and that the Department of Environmental Protection was requested to propose, and has proposed a project to reduce the risk of flooding, entitled Project No. DGS-183-12, Scholl Run Flood Protection Project as shown on drawings numbered 1.1R through 1.7R.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of this proposed work and the benefits to be derived from it, the SPONSOR, in regular session did meet and discuss, and hereby approves the aforementioned plans and authorizes the following Borough officials to execute and enter into the Sponsorship Agreement between the Borough of West Newton and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on Phase I of said plan.

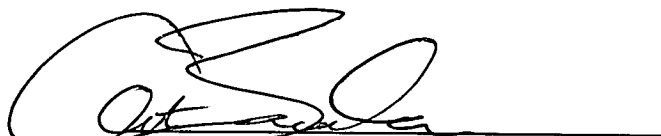
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 12th day of July, 2004


Daniel Palfey, Vice- President

ATTEST:


Pamela M. Humenik, Secretary

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2004


Art Berarducci, Mayor

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON PLANNING COMMISSION
DESIGNATING AND CERTIFYING AN AREA IN THE BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON
AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission is the official advisory agent to the Borough of West Newton on all matters pertaining to the general planning of land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission has made a study of a certain area in the Borough of West Newton, a description of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission has examined the above described area and finds that it presents some or all of the following characteristics which warrant its being considered a redevelopment area, as defined by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law, approved the 24th day of May, 1945, P.L. 991;

- a. Unsafe, unsanitary, inadequate or overcrowded conditions of dwellings therein.
- b. Inadequate planning of the area.
- c. Lack of proper light and air and open space
- d. Economically or socially undesirable land uses
- e. Abandoned property

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission that:

1. It is found and determined that the above described area is a deteriorating area because of the existence of a combination of some or all of the conditions enumerated above.
2. A copy of this is hereby certified to the Borough of West Newton as a "Redevelopment Area" as defined by the PA. Urban Redevelopment Law, supra
3. A copy of this resolution designating a "Redevelopment Area" be transmitted to the Borough of West Newton for their information.

THE BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT AREA
BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

FINDINGS OF FACT: Based on the PA Urban Redevelopment Law

A. Unsafe, Unsanitary, inadequate or overcrowded conditions of dwellings thereon:

*Going through environmental remediation from gasoline spill and tank leakage

B. Inadequate planning of the area:

*Area in need of development

*Existing plan for that area has been redesigned for better public use

C. Lack of proper light, air and open space:

*Structure has windows that are boarded up

D. Economically or socially undesirable land uses:

*There is a loss of tax revenue due to vacant or dilapidated properties. This affects commercial property values and the viability of the area.

E. Abandoned Property

*Property has been vacant but not tax delinquent and has not been rehabilitated within one year of the receipt of notice to rehabilitate

Let it also be noted that this redevelopment assistance resolution will expire on July 1, 2008 and will be reviewed at that time to determine whether to re-establish the designation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal of the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission.

WITNESS:

BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON
PLANNING COMMISSION



Planning Commission Secretary



Planning Commission Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough of West Newton Planning Commission at its meeting held on July 1, 2004.



Planning Commission Chairman

**THE WEST NEWTON REDEVELOPMENT AREA
BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON, WESTMORELAND COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

EXHIBIT "A" – PROJECT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at the intersection of Main Street and heading in a northerly direction on Water Street ending 196 feet.