

BLAIR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
375 CEDARCREST DRIVE
DUNCANSVILLE, PA 16635

WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 26, 2016

12:00 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Palmer Brown convened the Work Session at Noon. Present were Supervisor Edward Silvetti, Secretary Betty Robertson, Building Code and Ordinance Officer Donald Ott, and Acting Solicitor Chris Jancula. Visitors included Anthony Pinto, Municipal Services representative with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Also in attendance S. Walter Piper, LEMC with Taylor Township, Lance Dick, Denver Dick and Louis Legory. Chairman Lasek reported via phone call that he was unable to attend. Engineering representatives were excused from this Work Session, as no agenda item pertained to engineering.

- 1) Mr. Pinto presented each attendee with a PMRS Benefit Summary and stated that he was present to address any PMRS retirement questions. He outlined the summary, addressing each category, requesting and answering questions as he proceeded. He assured the group that even though PMRS is a state retirement plan, it is not the same as the State or School Employees Retirement System that is currently in financial jeopardy. The current plan does not allow for early retirement due to disability. Disability, if added to the plan, is a minimal cost item, less than 1% of payroll. If added to the Township plan, this would allow the retiring party to collect a 50% benefit if the disability is service related and 30% benefit if the disability is not service related. Disability is premised on total and permanent disability, and a PMRS designated physician would determine whether or not the employee was deemed as permanently disabled. The Township is to receive a new PMRS Agreement in the near future at which time changes such as adding a disability retirement provision and changing to a pre-tax plan can be implemented. Items to be considered are a cost study to determine adding an early retirement clause, death benefit aligned to vesting, and a permanent disability retirement benefit.
- 2) S. Walter Piper addressed the Supervisors, explaining the Municipal Services Mutual Aid Agreement. He referenced PA Title 35, Section 7504, which requires emergency management services coordination, assistance and mutual aid be established between the neighboring (adjacent) municipalities. The Supervisors responded that, even without a specific agreement, cooperation is something that municipalities already are committed to doing. During times of need or disaster, municipalities do cooperate in aiding each other. Acting Solicitor Jancula stated that the actual Agreement clearly states that the participating parties cannot be deemed or construed as being legally obligated to provide aid and that the decision solely rests within the discretion of the assisting party. The Supervisors agreed that they would entertain the idea of participating in the Agreement at their next scheduled meeting.
- 3) Vice-Chairman Brown reminded those in attendance of the tentative schedule which he had previously presented as a guideline for review process of the Township's ordinances Codification. Everyone reaffirmed that they were doing the best they

could to comply with the schedule he had prepared. It was agreed that this is a huge undertaking and it is hard to fit it into the daily work routine.

4) Other Business:

- 1) Vice-Chairman Brown presented a draft Ordinance addressing the Motor Vehicle and Weight Limit Bonding Ordinance. This was presented for information purposes and will be addressed at the August Supervisors Meeting.
- 2) A draft Permit Application, in conjunction with the proposed Motor Vehicle and Weight Limit Bonding Ordinance was presented for consideration.
- 3) The Fee Schedule Resolution is in need of updating. The Outdoor Burner Ordinance is not on the current Resolution. Betty was asked to update the entire Fee Resolution, adding the Outdoor Burner Ordinance, and to forward this to the Supervisors for their comments and suggestions.
- 4) Current Outdoor Burners that are not in compliance with the 2016 Ordinance will be notified and asked to complete the Permit Application, in order to comply with the Ordinance, allowing the required process to take place.

Subject matter requiring approval will be placed on the August Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda for consideration.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Betty Robertson
Secretary

**A list of items discussed constitutes minutes, as no formal decisions are made.