

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
375 CEDARCREST DRIVE
DUNCANSVILLE, PA 16635**

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MAY 12, 2015

Chairman Richard Lasek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

In attendance were Chairman Lasek, Supervisors Edward Silvetti and Palmer Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson, Road Foreman Lance Dick, Chief of Police Roger White, Teddie Kreitz representing Keller Engineers, Solicitor Rick Gieg and Attorneys Matt Gieg and Chris Jancula.

Chairman Lasek announced: "Public comment is both welcome and invited. Any persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during the public comment period will be limited to five minutes per person."

Chairman Lasek announced: "An Executive Session was held this evening, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal issues."

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of April 14, 2015, making a correction that Lance Dick's attendance be added. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and payroll liabilities for the month of April totaled \$39,071.37. General Fund disbursements for the month of April totaled \$41,156.72. Capital Reserve Account disbursements totaled \$1,656.40. Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$6,889.34. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$88,773.83. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for April 2015 as \$637,192.17. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" treasury balance for April 2015 as \$75,271.32. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

As no new information had been received from the developer, Supervisor Brown made a motion to **table** the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Land Development Plan**. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. Solicitor Gieg reminded the Supervisors of the commitment by the developer to construct a cul-de-sac in order to qualify for Liquid Fuels funds. Lance Dick responded that to date nothing has been done in this regard. The motion to table passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end June 28, 2015.

The **Chimney Rocks Partners LLC** Subdivision and Land Development plan, as prepared by Eric Banks of Stiffler and McGraw, was discussed. With outstanding items remaining, Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to table the Developer's Agreement. Supervisor Brown

seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Chimney Rocks Partners, LLC Developer's Agreement** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end July 05, 2015.

Supervisor Silveti made a motion to table the Chimney Rocks Partners, LLC Land Development plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Chimney Rocks Partners, LLC Land Development** plan passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end July 05, 2015.

The **Shaw/Frost Lot Line Change** plan, as prepared by Todd Holes of Stiffler and McGraw, was discussed. The parcels are served by on-lot water and sewage treatment and the submission includes a non-build waiver. The Blair Township Planning Commission approved the plan at their May 4th meeting. Revisions to the plan, as requested by Luke Helsel, the SEO, have been reviewed and approved by him. Teddie Kreitz commented that from an engineering standpoint the plan is ready. Due to the proximity of the two septic systems, the property line easements have been revised in order to place the responsibility of septic issues on the property owners and not the Township.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve signing the **Shaw/Frost Non-build Waiver**. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the **Shaw/Frost Lot Line Change** plan. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Following receipt of the **Complaint of Equity** filed against **Thomas Richardson** on behalf of Blair Township, Mr. Richardson requested to be placed on the agenda in order to make a formal response to the Complaint. Mr. Richardson began by stating that he has hired Chris Foster of Stiffler and McGraw to update the expired E & S plan for submission to Chris Myers of the Blair County Conservation District. Once the plan is submitted and approved by BCCD, Mr. Richardson assured the Supervisors that he would have the site in compliance with the E & S plan within 30-days of the approval, further commenting that the bulk of the work would be done within 21 days. Following a lengthy discussion, Solicitor Gieg advised Mr. Richardson to file a written response to the Complaint in Equity and submit it to the Township within the next few days. Supervisor Brown commented that all aspects of the E & S plan must be carried out. Mr. Richardson stated that he has a letter from Mark Donahue of DEP outlining clean fill disposal and the specific requirements for clean fill. Teddie Kreitz stated that the Township is requesting nothing more than full implementation of Mr. Richardson's Land Development plan. In closing, Solicitor Gieg reaffirmed with Mr. Richardson that written response of the Complaint is to be received by Betty, thanking him for his cooperation and attendance at the meeting and stating he feels Mr. Richardson is on the right track. Mr. Richardson commented that he has also met with the Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority with reference to moving the sewer clean out and tap, this will be included in the plan and submitted to the Authority.

Supervisor Brown stated that he met with **Penn DOT** representatives regarding replacement of the **bridge** located on Dunnings Highway near Leighty's Farm Market. The project is scheduled for the spring of 2018. Two options were considered: 1) construction of a temporary bridge that would need to be in place from the spring until fall of 2018, or Option 2) total road closure and detour for two weeks. It was decided that the best option would be to close the road for a period of two weeks. The detour would be cumbersome and include routing through Duncansville and

Route 36, but it was determined to be the best option as it would only be necessary for a period of two weeks as opposed to the period of May through October. The prefab bridge will be built off site for easier and quicker placement. Supervisor Brown commented that he attended the Penn DOT Transportation Outreach Meeting, noting that future resurfacing projects would affect Blair Township.

Solicitor Gieg commented that the Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority is in the process of taking action against the owner of the **Greendown Acres Mobile Home Park** in order to reach a conclusion to the issue regarding the CDBG-funded sewerage project.

Supervisor Silveti commented on the disagreement between two Chimney Rocks neighboring property owners with regard to the illegal placement of an outdoor furnace. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance** regulations and requirements. Cambria Township in Cambria County had recently adopted an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance which addressed issues such as wood-fired burners, provisions relative to odor, and stack height. Supervisor Silveti polled the Supervisors requesting suggestions for revising Blair Township's current Outdoor Furnace Ordinance. Solicitor Gieg would then draft a revised Outdoor Furnace Ordinance to include the suggested revisions. Ideally, an Ordinance will be prepared for review with the intent of approving for advertisement at the June Meeting. Chief White requested that provisions for enforcement be included in the Ordinance. Teddie Kreitz commented that the EPA Clean Air Act also addresses Outdoor Furnace requirements.

Supervisor Silveti commented that the Township is working with a local **website developer** on a proposal to make much-needed improvements on the current website. The developer will present a proposal for the Supervisors consideration. Supervisor Brown would like a list of Ordinances in advance of the codification project, also noting that forms on line would be a priority.

Supervisor Silveti presented the Board with a proposed "**Resolution of the Blair County Sanitation Administration Committee, Approving Amendment to Bylaws**". Supervisor Silveti represents Blair Township on the Blair County Sanitation Administration Board and will be expected to vote on the Resolution at the next BCSA Meeting. Currently the BCSA is holding their own financially supported by fees collected by the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Commonwealth financial support had stopped several years ago, creating the potential for periodic financial shortfalls. Currently, there is barely enough revenue to support necessary operations, thus the suggestion that fees be assessed on member municipalities based on the relative number of on-lot systems. Supervisor Silveti moved for authorization that he vote in favor of the "Resolution of the Blair County Sanitation Administration Committee, Approving Amendment to Bylaws" at the next BCSA Meeting. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silveti has struggled with re-activating the **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**, but a list of Blair Township Citizens who are willing to serve on the CAC, some former CAC members and some newly-interested citizens is ready for review and approval, and includes: Stephanie Doliviera, Charles Elder, Sheryl Imler, Lois Kaneshiki and Michael Mallory. Chairman Lasek made a motion to accept the five CAC members as acknowledged. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Supervisor Silveti suggested that one Supervisor attend each meeting, alternating attendance. He also noted that the CAC would have capabilities of

expanding from the current list of five. Chairman Lasek commented that this may be a good opportunity to bring to life some stagnant issues and concerns. Teddie Kreitz stated this would also be a good way to help in meeting the MS-4 requirements. The motion to approve the newly appointed CAC members passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silveti made a motion to approve the **PIRMA** Updated Intergovernmental Contract-Edition 1/2015 Execution, as previously reviewed by the Supervisors and Solicitor. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Solicitor Gieg commented that the request from PIRMA is an underwriting requirement necessary if the Township wants to continue coverage with them, noting this needs to include a Resolution. The Supervisors were instructed to proceed with acting on the updated contract. There is a 60-day escape clause written in the contract. The motion to approve executing the update passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business:

Vicki Wray addressed the Supervisors, asking them to reiterate what was previously discussed regarding the Richardson site. Conversation confirmed the slope would be cleaned up; the concrete now present would be permitted to be buried on site; and that no work could begin until there was an E & S plan in place with the BCCD. Solicitor Gieg reminded Mrs. Wray that this is a matter of litigation and that if she so desired she could try to join in the suit somehow. He also suggested she could check the complaint at the Blair County Court House.

Supervisor Silveti made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer