

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JUNE 09, 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, Attorneys Chris Jancula and Attorney Mike Gieg.

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."

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of May 12, 2015. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and payroll liabilities for the month of May totaled \$40,547.37. General Fund disbursements for the month of May totaled \$20,890.83. Capital Reserve Account disbursements totaled \$17,461.96. Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$5,145.44. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$84,045.60. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for May 2015 as \$805,484.52. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" treasury balance for May 2015 as \$75,283.82. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jeff Holtzinger of DPPS granted a 90-day review period extension for Pleasant View Phase 6, noting he is close to finalizing surety. He anticipates the cul-de-sac being completed in July, allowing that area of roadway to be included in next year's Liquid Fuels allocation. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the 90-day extension. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 90-day extension passed with a unanimous vote. Supervisor Brown questioned the timbering activity taking place on the site. Mr. Holtzinger stated the timber is not being sold, but removed from the site, noting it is pole-wood and of little value. Supervisor Brown also said he is concerned with the logging trucks traveling on the Township roads. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to **table** the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Land Development Plan**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end September 26, 2015.

With the exception of a 90-day extension, no new information has been received regarding the **Chimney Rocks Partners LLC** Subdivision and Land Development plan, as prepared by Eric Banks of Stiffler and McGraw. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the **90-day review**

**period extension.** Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti 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 October 03, 2015.

The **Weidley Lot 10 & Park Lot Land Development** plan, as represented by Elizabeth Heggi of P.J. Lehman, was discussed. This plan consists of two adjacent parcels with the proposed construction of two, two-unit, two-story condominiums. The Blair Township Planning Commission approved the plan at their June 1st meeting conditional on all engineering comments being addressed. Ms. Heggi stated that the Authority is OK with the lateral. The Developers Agreement needs be drafted and financial security needs to be put in place. Outstanding items remain. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to **table** the Weidley Lot 10 & Park Lot Land Development plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end August 30, 2015.

The **Pleasant View Properties Lot Merger Mezzy Court** was discussed. The plan was submitted by Todd Beiswenger and represented by John Castle. This subdivision is for the purpose of creating three flag lots. There is an existing house on Lot 84 which currently uses a portion of the access. The access is fifty-feet in width. A Shared Driveway Agreement would need to be in place. The purpose is to merge this portion and at a later time create three flag lots referred to as Mezzy Court Subdivision. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve moving forward on the Pleasant View Properties Lot Merger Mezzy Court plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Lot Merger passes with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to table the **Mezzy Court Subdivision** plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to table the Mezzy Court plan passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by **Alpha Space** in the amount of **\$9,263.24** for the **2015 Line Painting** project. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. One out of three vendors responded to the township's request for proposals. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti stated he was surprised at the Township's receipt of funds from the Greendown Acres Mobile Home Park owner. The funds in the amount of \$163,200 were deposited in the Blair Township General Fund and immediately transferred to the Blair County Redevelopment Authority for use along with available CDBG funds. Supervisor Silvetti stressed the need for an Agreement between the Township and the Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority. The Agreement should provide provisions for transferring responsibility to BTWSA once the project is completed. There is also a concern with residual project costs above the funds currently available; should the project cost ultimately run over current funds available, who would be responsible to pay this? An agreement needs to be in place that addresses these issues. Attorney Jancula offered the Gieg Law Office as a meeting place in order to get together with members from both the Township and the Authority. Due to the land disturbance exceeding an acre, an NPDES Permit is required. The bidding process will take place once the permits

have been approved. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve signing the NPDES Permit application as prepared by Keller Engineers. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Township is prepared to move ahead.

Supervisor Brown will review the **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance** draft. Once reviewed, he will forward to Supervisors Lasek and Silvetti in a Word Document for their review and comments.

**Ordinance enforcement** issues were discussed. Chief White commented that there are a number of violations requiring more thorough and tougher resolution. In many cases the problem is hard to remedy because the responsible party cannot be located. Most of the routine complaints are resolved at the present time or will be resolved shortly. The Brooks Mills feral cat issue is an ongoing problem. Residents need to realize when they feed the feral cats, they take ownership of them. It is imperative that people not feed strays. Chief White requested the Supervisors consider removing and abating public nuisance issues on our own. This could be accomplished in two ways, either by use of Township employees or by hiring outside contractors and then placing a judgement against the properties for the costs incurred by the Township. He is pleased with the Dangerous Structure Ordinance, as it is well written and easily understood. Supervisor Brown commented on the need for an Ordinance Enforcement Officer, noting issues such as current logging situations and nuisance complaints could be handled more effectively. Attorney Jancula confirmed that Solicitor Gieg, Chief White and Lance Dick would continue to meet regarding these issues. The goal is to provide one notice, then fines and penalties would increase with non-compliance.

Chief White addressed the **Stuckey Ford Subaru** complaint regarding vehicle unloading on Roosevelt Avenue. The Avenue is 2-2 ½ blocks along with parking prohibited on Potomac and Monumental. He provided photographs confirming that the employee vehicles are legally parked along the roadway. Currently, there appears to be no parking available in the Stuckey lot due to the ongoing construction project. Chief White feels the parking/unloading issue may remedy itself once the expansion project is complete.

Teddie Kreitz explained the **Edgewood Storm water Detention Pond** proposed project. This is a proposed MS 4 Growing Greener Grant project through the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the applicant. The plan is to retrofit the existing storm water detention pond into a model project, as outlined. This provides a good opportunity for Blair Township to establish an MS 4 project.

**Thomas Richardson** addressed the Supervisors, noting his E & S plan was approved by the BCCD. A site visit was conducted earlier today with Mr. Richardson, Supervisor Brown and Ben Piper of Keller Engineers. Mr. Richardson stated he has approximately 60-feet of the Eastern bank to mulch and then the site should be in compliance. Supervisor Brown commented that everything looks good. Mr. Richardson questioned whether or not he was able to consider this matter closed. Supervisor Brown stated it will be considered final once the site is green and meets the approval of Chris Myers of the BCCD. The Township will then be in a position to consider discontinuing the formal legal action filed against Mr. Richardson.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to add Keith's Truck Sales of East Freedom, PA and Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. of Altoona, PA to the Township's **Approved Vendor List**. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the **Resolution No. 2015-03** adopting the **PIRMA** Intergovernmental Contract amending Ordinance No. 2005-5. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the **Revised Resource List** as set forth by Denny Walls on behalf of the Geeseytown Volunteer Fire Company. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Walls explained that the Company updated its technology and the box alarm assignments. Basically this is an expanded form with reformatting of the information. The same numbers from the 2013 form have been included in the expanded 2015 reformatted form. Mr. Walls commented that the same reformatted form should have been received by the Township from the other three Volunteer Fire Companies that serve the Township.

Following an inspection of the Township roadways by Supervisor Brown and Lance Dick, it was determined that River Road is the roadway that is in the greatest need of paving. The cost to pave River Road is estimated at \$162,000. Supervisor Brown recommended that the Township postpone its **Annual Road Paving Project**, suggesting that the 2015 Liquid Fuels Funds be retained with the intent of paving River Road in 2016. Supervisor Brown made a motion not to undertake the Annual Road Paving Project in 2015. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Other Business:**

The Blair County Conservation District suggested an E & S plan be established prior to construction on the remaining **Lot # 6 of Bradley Way** off Catfish Road. Supervisor Brown made a motion to require the E & S plan be submitted by the contractor to the BCCD with evidence of their approval prior to the issuance of any building permits. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti commented on a Crossman construction site visit that he attended with Donna Fisher of the BCCD located on 256 Mill Road. He spoke with the property owner Mr. Gentry and advised him that no building permits would be issued until such time as the other matters relating to permitting and approvals have been addressed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson  
Secretary/Treasurer