

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF July 14, 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 and Supervisor Edward Silvetti, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson, Chief of Police Roger White, Teddie Kreitz representing Keller Engineers, Solicitor Rick Gieg, Attorney Chris Jancula and Attorney Mike Gieg. Supervisor Brown was absent.

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 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue."

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of June 09, 2015. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Payroll and payroll liabilities for the month of June totaled \$38,662.37. General Fund disbursements for the month of June totaled \$198,050.04. Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$1,652.00. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$238,364.41. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for June 2015 as \$800,818.10. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" treasury balance for June 2015 as \$87,445.42. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Jeff Holtzinger of DPPS addressed the Supervisors regarding the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Subdivision** plan. The cul-de-sac is on grade, and Mr. Holtzinger expects to have it completed in time to meet the Liquid Fuels deadline for acceptance this year. Solicitor Gieg commented on the necessary steps in meeting the PA DOT requirements, reminding Mr. Holtzinger that September is the cut-off date. Mr. Holtzinger noted he is considering making minor changes to the plan that is currently being reviewed, stating he has a buyer who is interested in a portion of the development. This change would affect Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, i.e., approximately 24.44 acres. He also commented that the roadway has been shortened by approximately 20-feet. He was advised to submit a revised plan to the Township and the engineer showing the proposed changes along with a detailed narrative. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to **table the Pleasant View Phase 6 Land Development Plan**. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end September 26, 2015.

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 Silveti made a motion to table the **Chimney Rocks Partners, LLC Land Development** plan. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to **table** the **Chimney Rocks Partners, LLC Land Development** plan passed with two yes votes. 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. The Blair County Conservation District has approved the E & S plan. Supervisor Silveti moved to retroactively approve signing the DEP Exemption Post Card; the Exemption had already been approved by DEP. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes. Outstanding items remain: the Developers Agreement yet needs drafted, and likewise, financial security needs to be put in place. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to **table** the Weidley Lot 10 & Park Lot Land Development plan. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end August 30, 2015.

The **Mezzy Court Subdivision** plan as prepared by Todd Beiswenger of Young & Associates is not ready for review at this time. The plan was tabled by the Blair Township Planning Commission at their July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to table the plan. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table the Mezzy Court plan passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end October 04, 2015.

Rick Steele, PLS introduced the **Barnhart Land Development** plan. Teddie Kreitz commented that the stormwater calculations that were submitted with the plan were insufficient, noting also that Jim Laird is now involved with Cordell Ebersole in working on the stormwater submission. The sewer hook-up issue is now resolved and Tim McGaw verified that the BTW&SA has approved the plan. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to table the Barnhart Land Development plan. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with two yes votes.

Elizabeth Heggi of P.J. Lehman introduced the **Michael Crawford Land Development** plan. Due to the proposed land disturbance exceeding one acre, an NPDES Permit is required and has not been approved to date. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to table the Michael Crawford Land Development plan. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with two yes votes.

John Castle, on behalf of the **Pleasant View Phase IV Development** has requested release of the remaining financial security, in the amount of \$16,931.75, being held as the construction bond. Ben Piper and John Castle performed a walk-through site visit on July 9<sup>th</sup>, noting that each of the remaining items, with the exception of the tree planting, were complete. Mr. Castle, speaking for the residents, requested the tree planting requirement be omitted, as the property owners have established extensive landscaping and believe that the trees originally projected for planting are not consistent with the established, professional landscaping. Chairman Lasek moved to approve release of the financial security, also agreeing to exclude the tree planting requirement. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve depositing the **Pleasant View Phase IV Maintenance Financial Security** in the amount of \$46,405.75, thus starting the clock. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The funds will be placed in escrow in a Developer's Bond Account for a period of 18-months. The motion passed with two yes votes.

The DCED-approved **2014 Community Development Block Grant** application was discussed. The CDBG Grant will be administered by Dick Furmanchik of COBRAH and allocated as (1) matching funds for the Competitive CDBG grant earmarked for the Greendown Acres Sewerage project, and (2) ADA improvements to the Township Office. Approximately \$55,000 will be used as a match to the Greendown Acres project, with the remainder, excluding administrative costs, to be used for ADA improvements. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to accept the 2014 CDBG Grant in the amount of \$85,740.00. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The need for front office security upgrades to be considered for construction at the same time as the CDBG-funded ADA improvements, was also discussed.

Solicitor Gieg stated that previously he had provided a rough draft of the proposed **Greendown Acres Project Agreement between the Township and the Blair Township Water & Sewer**. This Agreement, already reviewed and edited by the Township and COBRAH, is in the process of further review by each of the concerned parties with the intent of being finalized in the near future.

The proposed **Greendown Acres Engineering Contract** with the Township presented by **Keller Engineers** was discussed. Supervisor Silvetti stated that further review is needed to ensure budget line item cost consistency with the approved CDBG contract, particularly the amount listed for engineering and inspection. Moreover, the Township/Authority Agreement needs to be finalized. Supervisor Silvetti moved to table the Keller Engineer's Engineering Contract for further consideration. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with two yes votes.

There is nothing to discuss or act on presently regarding the proposed **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance**.

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the **PA DOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement**. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. There is a .09% increase over the previous contract. The base amount is **\$2,181.87**. The Agreement period begins in 2015 and extends through 2020. The motion passed with two yes votes.

The **Growing Greener Grant** program was discussed as this relates to what is titled the "Alpaca Pond" project. The actual site is the **Edgewood Stormwater Detention Pond**. The proposal is technically termed a "Dry Pond Retrofit". The Grant application, and the actual project, is in cooperation with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Applicant. This green infrastructure project will reduce pollutant loads in Blair Gap Run and help Blair Township's MS4 mandates by reducing nitrogen percentages in stormwater. Teddie Kreitz commented this is an excellent BMP project. She noted that the Alliance intends to use the project as a MS4 BMP demonstration using plants, filtration, actual construction and maintenance. The Center for Watershed Protection designed the plan. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve endorsing the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay application for the Growing Greener Grant, as

well as the Secretary's endorsement of the Resolution. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Solicitor Gieg commented that the **Richardson** project is moving along and is in compliance. No action is necessary.

Supervisor Silveti commented on the **General Code Codification** progress to date, noting that it is straight forward. Receipt of the project's "Organizational Analysis" is anticipated wherein General Code will outline certain inconsistencies, as well as related recommendations.

The **PA Municipal Code Alliance** presented a proposal for the Supervisor's consideration. PMCA is a UCC Third Party Inspection Agency. Solicitor Gieg suggested that the Supervisors proceed with caution, as there is a "Non Compete Agreement" issue being addressed at the present time. Currently, the complaint is in the preliminary stage and Solicitor Gieg will advise the Board at such time as the Final Order is in place, noting he would provide the Township with a copy of the Order. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

As per the recommendation of Blair Township's Elected Tax Collector; Susan Haupt, Kathryn L. Hileman is being considered for appointment as Deputy Tax Collector for Blair Township. Supervisor Silveti moved to approve the appointment of **Kathryn L. Hileman** as **Deputy Tax Collector**. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. This brings the Township in to compliance with Act 164 of 2014. The motion passed with two yes votes.

**Other Business:**

There being no other business, Chairman Lasek made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson  
Secretary/Treasurer