

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JANUARY 04, 2016

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 Supervisors Palmer Brown and Edward Silvetti, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson, Chief of Police Roger White, Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Donald Ott, Teddie Kreitz representing Keller Engineers, and Solicitor Rick Gieg.

The Annual Organization Meeting was held this date at 6:30 p.m. prior to this evening's Monthly Business Meeting.

A Special Meeting is being advertised to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for the sole purpose of discussing the PPP/Mariner East 2-Sunoco Pipeline Project. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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 Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of December 08, 2015. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and payroll liabilities for the month of December totaled \$44,406.07. General Fund disbursements for the month of December totaled \$80,323.12. Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$7,423.43. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$132,152.62. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for December 2015 as \$708,005.68. 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 December 2015 as \$146,550.01. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Easement Agreement between the Township and Mr. Holtzinger for the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Subdivision** plan cul-de-sac is pending. Draft Developer's Agreements (preliminary and final) are prepared, but not ready for approval.

Supervisor Silveti made a motion to **table the Pleasant View Phase 6 Subdivision** plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to table the plan passed with a unanimous vote. The current municipal review period will end March 24, 2016.

Supervisor Silveti 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 February 26, 2016.

No new information was received regarding the **Mezzy Court Subdivision** plan. The municipal review period will end on January 07, 2016. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to reject the Mezzy Court Subdivision plan, adding that the plan submission fee be waived should the developer decide to resubmit. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to reject the Mezzy Court Subdivision and to allow re-submission fees to be waived passed with a unanimous vote.

Teddie Krietz commented that the **Nyanko & Link Side Lot Addition** plan as submitted by Todd Beiswenger of Young & Associates is ready to go. County review is favorable, noting there are no plans to build. This is simply a lot line change. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to **approve** the Nyanko & Link Side Lot Addition plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to participate in the **Costars DGS Statewide Contract** for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) for the **August 2016-July 2017 Season**. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Three CPA firms requested consideration for completion of the **2015 Annual Municipal Audit**. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to appoint **Young, Oaks, Brown** as the FY 2015 CPA firm. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Supervisor Silveti noted that a formal RFP had not been used, but stated he would prepare an audit RFP for release in September for the FY 2016 CPA selection process. The motion to appoint YOBC as the FY 2015 auditing firm passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-01**, the **disposition of General Office Fiscal Records** from 2008 and prior years, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-02**, the **disposition of Police Department Records** from 2010 and prior years, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek, as agreed at the Supervisors' meeting of 12/08/2015, met with **Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority** Chairman, Joseph Pyzowski, to discuss the issue of Township approved **compensation** for the Authority Board Members. During this evening's discussion of this issue it was revealed by Tim McGaw of the Authority that Authority Board Members' pay currently ranges from \$50 to \$100 per meeting. Chairman Lasek stated that he had assumed the compensation was monthly. Supervisor Silveti commented that at a per meeting (rather than per

month) payment scheme is, in his opinion, excessive and astounding, making comparison to neighboring Authorities very low or no compensation policies, and elaborating on the dissention caused over reluctance of the Authority to signing the Greendown Acres Competitive Grant Project Agreement with the Township. He proceeded to read provisions from the Agreement giving the Authority sole control with regards to the Township accepting bids and change orders, both of which give the Authority the power to renege on proceeding with this project. He also stated that he would not vote on compensation for Authority members until such time as the Greendown Acres project was completed. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve payment to the Authority members at a monthly rate of \$100.00 per month, clarifying this is not per meeting. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. Supervisor Silvetti abstained from voting, citing the circumstances he had stated. The motion to approve the monthly payment to each Authority member in the amount of \$100 passed with two yes votes. Supervisor Silvetti then made reference to the areas of the Township lacking sewage collection but experiencing on-lot system problems, noting the Authority's seeming lack of concern with the possibility of DEP-mandated re-inspections of on-lot systems with all the potential cost issues for property owners.

In reference to **Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority**, Supervisor Silvetti commented that he is aware of an Authority **vacancy**, noting he is interested in temporarily filling the position until such time as a suitable candidate/citizen be identified and vetted, but if chosen would not take payment. Tim McGaw stated that Patricia Steward's resignation has not been presented to the BTWSA board for a vote and is a scheduled agenda item for their next meeting. A vote was taken and formerly rescinded to appoint Supervisor Silvetti to a three month position with the BTWSA. It was determined the appointment of another Authority Board member be postponed pending the acceptance of Ms. Steward's resignation.

The proposed **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance No. 2016-01** was discussed. The Ordinance was advertised for adoption and on display for public review. Township residents, Tom May and Kevin Kunsman, each stated their concerns with the proposed Ordinance. As stated, the issue of most concern with the ordinance, as drafted, was the inability to burn coal, even though it is approved by the State and compatible with furnace manufacturers' regulations. Other issues raised included the yearly inspection fee and the comparison between Township Ordinance requirements and the State regulations. Supervisor Silvetti commented that he believed that State law always takes precedence over local law; Solicitor Gieg confirmed this. Ashley Heverly stated her concern that the proposed Ordinance does not allow for the placement of the Outdoor Furnace inside a building, as their furnace currently is. It was apparent following public discussion that the Ordinance, as presented, is not ready for adoption.

Chairman Lasek reminded the assembly that a **Special Meeting** will be held on **January 12, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the **Sunoco Pipeline project**. The Supervisors are not in favor of the Hamer Drive construction access shown on the construction drawings. The public is encouraged to attend.

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

Chairman Lasek called for anyone not on the agenda that wished to speak. There being no response, Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Blair Township Supervisors

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer