

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MARCH 08, 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, Acting Solicitor Chris Jancula, Attorney Michael Rouch and Attorney Mike Gieg.

It was announced that Executive Sessions had been held on February 19th, March 2nd, and March 3rd 2016, each for the purpose of discussing a legal issue.

Announced also was that Supervisor Work Sessions will now be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, as necessary, at noon, beginning March 22, 2016. As per Second Class Township Code, this was advertised in the Altoona Mirror on February 29th, 2016.

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." Attendees were asked to silence their cell phones.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of February 9th, 2016. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and payroll liabilities for the month of February totaled \$44,637.01. General Fund disbursements for the month of February totaled \$31,400.21. Liquid Fuels disbursements totaled \$7,100.55. Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$6,392.44. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$89,530.21. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for February 2016 as \$672,319.41. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Lasek made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" Treasury Balance for February 2016 as \$190,113.28. Supervisor Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The **Pleasant View Phase 6 Subdivision** plan was discussed. Supervisor Silvetti expressed his concerns regarding the Draft Developer's Agreements, both preliminary and final having been prepared; review comments remain outstanding. His concerns relate to the recent request/petition that was received by the Township from the Pleasant View Phase II residents. In this case, and due in part to the Township's having taken over the Phase II roadway, the

Developer did not complete remaining infrastructure/amenities (sidewalks, street lighting, etc.) shown on the plan, as approved and recorded. The residents are now seeking completion as per the recorded plan. Supervisor Silvetti has reviewed past Developer's Agreements, noting that the security provisions required by the Developer(s) need to be strengthened in order to prevent the Phase II issue from reoccurring in future developments. He noted that the past language does not work on the Township's behalf, but instead on the Developer's behalf. Acting Solicitor Jancula stated that he is working from the draft created by Solicitor Gieg, noting that Solicitor Gieg had indicated he was hesitant to recommend approval of the Pleasant View Phase 6 Preliminary Plan Developer's Agreement. Attempts were made to explain the comparison between the two Draft Agreements. The Preliminary Plan does not allow the sale of lots, with the exception of Lot 1 and Lot 8. Lots 1 and 8 are accessed by individual driveways, as opposed to the cul-de-sac. Preliminary approval has more to do with promoting the Developer's position than with the Township's position. Tim McGaw, speaking on behalf of the BTWSA, stated that the public infrastructure is basically complete, with the exception of cutting the fire line at the beginning of the cul-de-sac. He stated that a request to release the utility security was received, but will not occur until the fire line cut is complete and inspected. The Supervisors determined that clarification is needed on the part of Mr. Holtzinger.

The current Municipal review period will expire March 24, 2016. Jeff Holtzinger, the Developer, has granted a **60-day extension**. Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to approve the 60-day time extension granted for the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Subdivision and Land Development** plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

A verbal update was provided on the **Greendown Acres Sewage Collection System Project**. Reflecting materials acquisition, the contractor, **Dave Roman Excavating, Inc.** has submitted his first Application for Payment in the amount of \$51,993.45. This reflects approximate completion of 7% of the contract.

Supervisor Silvetti made a motion to **approve** the **first payment submission** request in the amount of **\$51,993.45**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silvetti commented on the **Greendown Acres Resident Inspection Services Request for Proposal**. The RFP was issued through the CDBG Grant Administrator, Richard Furmanchik of the Blair County Housing Rehabilitation Authority. The purpose is to oversee the contractor during the installation of the Greendown Acres Sewage Collection System Project. Two RFP responses were received, Keller Engineers and UNI-TEC, both very qualified firms. Based upon formal rating of the two proposals, as well as Keller Engineers familiarity with the project, Supervisor Silvetti recommended and made a motion to **accept** the **Resident Inspection Services Proposal** as submitted by Keller Engineers. Chairman Lasek seconded the motion. The charge is not to exceed \$2,450 per week. The motion to approve Keller Engineers Proposal passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Silveti commented on the Township's quest to secure a website developer, noting that one locally-based company was previously contacted and considered. A second proposal was received from **Headline Marketing and Communication** of Altoona. HMC had previously developed a very user friendly site for a neighboring municipality. It was determined that the site was very good for municipal application. The basic HMC Website Package proposal is quoted at **\$3,099**, with additional fees outlined for one-time costs for additional pages and updates. All fees are within the parameters of the 2016 Budget Allotment. Supervisor Silveti made a motion to accept the Headline Marketing and Communications Proposal, as presented. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A **revised Stuckey Car Display Lot plan** was received on Friday, 03/04/16, this did not allow sufficient time for the engineer's review. Supervisor Brown made a motion to **table** the revised Stuckey Car Display Lot plan. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The proposed **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance No. 2016-01** was presented in final form. The technical issues previously halting this process have been addressed, clarified or deleted from the draft. It is now concluded that the Ordinance is ready to be re-advertised. Supervisor Silveti commended Supervisor Brown on the good job that he did throughout the process. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the re-**advertisement** of Ordinance No. 2016-01, the Outdoor Furnace Ordinance. Supervisor Silveti seconded the motion. The Ordinance is slated for adoption at the April 12th meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

In conjunction with Act 89, **Penn DOT** had formed a committee to address the **US Route 22 /North Juniata Street** intersection. Supervisor Silveti had participated in the committee meetings. The area is in dire need of improvement. Eight alternative plans have been presented by PennDOT for review and consideration. The Supervisors agreed this is an item for discussion at the scheduled Work Session of March 22nd. They will review the power point slides and then make recommendations, as may be agreed upon for forwarding to PennDOT.

Other Business:

Chairman Lasek called for anyone not on the agenda that wished to speak.

Mrs. **Kelly Baronner** addressed the Supervisors and assembly. She and her husband live in Frankstown Township and are owners of Baronner's Farm Market located in Blair Township. This is an established, 66-year old Blair Township farm market business. Ms. Baronner claims their farm is about to be decimated by the **Sunoco pipeline project**. Sunoco intends to use portions of their prime growing fields in an adjoining township as a staging area and other portions for 1,400 feet of pipeline placement. She explained in great detail the geographic formation of the soil and that it would be impossible to have the soil restored to its present condition. The Baronners indicated they have met with resistance at every juncture in their attempt to negotiate with Sunoco. They have offered to Sunoco what they believe is a viable option for the placement of the proposed pipeline and staging area. At this point they contend that Sunoco is refusing to speak with them or their legal counsel. Mrs. Baronner stated that she has met with State Representative Judy Ward and seeks to have the Supervisors intercede on their behalf. She stated that Sunoco is using their eminent domain rights for corporate gain. Supervisor Silveti requested Mrs. Baronner's contact information, stating it may be beneficial

that she speak with Sunoco's Public Relations Liaison. The Supervisors thanked Mrs. Baronner for her presentation, assuring her that they will continue communication with Sunoco.

Sarah Edmiston addressed the Supervisors asking what plans and provisions have been made in order to hold **Sunoco accountable** as they work in the municipality. She believes they are notorious for spills and accidents. Supervisor Brown stated that all Sunoco's plans must be approved and permitted through both the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Supervisor Silvetti stated that the Supervisors authority is limited. Mrs. Baronner added that the compressed gas ranges from 1,000 to 1,400 pounds of pressure and thus presents a high degree of danger.

Joe Pyzowski of the **BTWSA** addressed the Supervisors, asking when they could expect an appointment to their Board vacancy. Supervisor Silvetti commented that the Supervisors were hoping to have a bank of applicants to choose from; to date, that hasn't happened. Mr. Pyzowski noted that they are moving into the fourth month with a vacancy and would appreciate an appointment in the near future. Supervisor Silvetti stated that he would meet with Tim McGaw to discuss this.

There being no further business, Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Silvetti 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