

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2017

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

In attendance were Chairman Silveti and Supervisors Palmer Brown and Richard Lasek, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson, Police Chief Roger White, Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Donald Ott, Road Foreman John Reed, Chris Dutrow of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates and Solicitor Michael Rouch.

Chairman Silveti announced that a Public Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. this evening to discuss the proposed Liquor License R-7125 Transfer from Logan Township to Allegheny (primary) & Blair Township, entrance only. The license is proposed for Rutter's Store.

An Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and a litigation matter for which a legal complaint may be filed was held at the conclusion of the March 14th, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Chairman Silveti announced: "Public comment is both welcomed 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 March 14, 2017. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of April 04, 2017. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of March: Payroll and payroll liabilities totaled \$44,320.76. General Fund disbursements for the month of March totaled \$31,562.71 and Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$25,674.40. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$101,557.87. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for March 2017 as \$908,136.06. Supervisor Brown 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 March 2017 as \$147,777.33. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti announced that anyone wishing to address the Supervisors may do so at this time. There being no **public comment** expressed, Chairman Silveti proceeded with the agenda.

Resolution No. 2017-05 Liquor License (Estate of Vincent Lombardo) was briefly discussed. Rutter's Store, the entity requesting the license, has its primary location in Allegheny Township. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-05, transfer of the license from Logan to Allegheny Township, with a small portion in Blair Township. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. There were no adverse comments and/or opposing evidence presented during the Public Hearing. The motion to **approve Resolution No. 2017-05** passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti commented on the **Greendown Acres Wastewater Replacement Project**. The sewerage system is complete, however, Roman Excavating is now addressing minor yard settling issues. Other than pending minor street repairs of damage having occurred during excavation during the septic system construction, this will conclude the Greendown Acres Project. The County Housing and Redevelopment Authority staff, as well as DCED, were recognized for their cooperation and assistance.

Due to a contractor oversight, incorrect Davis Bacon Wage Rates were used during the Greendown Acres Wastewater Replacement project. DCED has approved the use of a portion of the remaining CDBG funds, thus providing Roman Excavating with the means to pay the balance of \$5,658.64 in wages due to their employees.

The **CDBG-Funded Greendown Acres Street Repairs Project** award is pending the SAM Registration for Laurel Paving, the low bidder. The base bid of \$30,960.00 is the accepted bid.

The **CDBG-funded Removal of Architectural Barriers Project** at the Township office building is complete, with a few minor issues, such as two door sets, to be addressed.

Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve **C. E. Wood Construction's** fourth payment application for the Removal of Architectural Barriers project, in the amount of **\$19,526.62**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Solicitor Rouch addressed the Daniel and Beth Norris Variance Agreement. A re-draft of the original variance was previously prepared by Solicitor Rouch and reviewed by the Supervisors. The variance is necessary in order to waive the setback requirements for installation of an in-ground swimming pool. Solicitor Rouch noted that he has no concerns with the request and finds it to be appropriate. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Norris Variance Agreement. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The neighboring property owners (Randall & Barbara Lingenfelter) have approved and signed the Variance Agreement. The motion to **approve the Norris Variance** passed with a unanimous vote.

Chris Weidley, developer of Lot #10, Manor Park, is requesting release of the cash bond held on behalf of the Manor Park project. He commented that an inspection of the site has not been performed to date, noting that he was given the plans and file earlier today. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to contingently approve full or partial release of the cash bond, pending and dependent upon written approval by the Township Engineer. Supervisor Brown seconded the

motion. The motion to **contingently approve** release of the **Cash Bond** held on behalf of the **Lot #10 Manor Park** project passed with a unanimous vote.

Adam Long of Keller Engineers reported earlier in an email that the (MS4) **Rain Garden Project** adjacent to Blair Township's office building, as funded through the Alliance for the Bay was awarded to **Ameron Construction** and could begin as early as next week.

Chairman Silvetti commented that he has struck certain provisions outlined in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Agreement regarding maintenance and repair of the proposed sidewalk as proposed for the new **Newry Bridge**. He has forwarded the revisions to Vince Greenland of PennDOT District 9-0. Chairman Silvetti noted that the bridge is heavily traveled, and in his opinion, should the Township agree to accept PA DOT's draft Agreement, future costs to the Township could be significant. He stated he is not trying to be controversial, but noted this is a Commonwealth road and a Commonwealth bridge. Repairs to the sidewalk would mean the Township would foot the bill for flagmen, traffic control, not to mention any construction-related work in and of itself. Supervisor Lasek stated that he does not see a big safety improvement with the creation of a sidewalk, Supervisor Brown noted that the width of the bridge is the same with or without the sidewalk. Chairman Silvetti commented that PA DOT is waiting on a response from the Township.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve** the **PA DOT Agreement** as presented. Chairman Silvetti called for a second to the motion. There being none, the motion **died for lack of a second**. Chairman Silvetti stated that he needs follow-up discussion with PA DOT before reconsidering action. He will contact Vince Greenland and report back with any information from the Central Office.

The **Ordinance Codification Project**, was discussed at the Work Session of April 4th. There is nothing further to report at this time.

Chairman Silvetti called for **Other Business**.

There is an informal / informational meeting scheduled with **Sunoco** at noon on Friday, April 14th to gather current information on the **Mariner East 2** project.

Supervisor Brown commented that he and Road Foreman John Reed met and inspected the Township roads in anticipation of the **2017 Road Paving Project**. Patchway Road and Drexel Lane will be considered for paving. There are 15 of 19 inlets that will require work on Patchway Road prior to paving. Appleview Lane and Harvest View Lane are next in line for paving consideration.

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

There being no further business, Supervisor Brown made a motion to **adjourn**. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Blair Township Supervisors

Betty Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer