

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JULY 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, Administrative Officer Lacey Vandevander, Police Chief Roger White, Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Donald Ott, Road Foreman John Reed, Chris Dutrow, PE of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates and Solicitor Michael Rouch.

Chairman Silveti welcomed Lacey, stating that she had begun her employment with Blair Township on July 5th.

Chairman Silveti announced that an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal issues was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman Silveti announced that an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the contract negotiations with the Township's Police Collective Bargaining Unit, and a personnel issue, will be held following this evening's business 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 Lasek made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of June 13, 2017. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of June: Payroll and payroll liabilities totaled \$76,585.76, this figure now includes hospitalization and the 2nd quarter payroll taxes; General Fund disbursements for the month of June totaled \$12,468.78; Liquid Fuels disbursements totaled \$3,669.29; and Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$6,248.46. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$98,972.29. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for June 2017 as \$1,073,635.69. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve the “Specific Service Investment Account Funds” Treasury Balance for June 2017 as \$164,789.02. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chief White reported that **Blair Township Patrolman Benjamin Shanholtz** was recognized by the **Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program (PAADEP)** for his **outstanding efforts** in furtherance of the **2016 Aggressive Driving Program** in Blair Township. Patrolman Shanholtz received a **Certificate of Appreciation** at the June 2017 PAADEP meeting. An article in the PA DOT monthly newsletter also recognized Patrolman Shanholtz. The Supervisors asked that Chief White convey their congratulations to Officer Shanholtz for his having received this award.

Chairman Silvetti announced that anyone wishing to address the Supervisors may do so now. No public comment was offered at this time.

Chairman Silvetti proceeded with the agenda.

The **Ronald and Maureen Leighty Subdivision** plan was briefly discussed. Revised plans were received. DEP Component 1 remains outstanding with issues remaining as outlined in the review letter as prepared by Stiffler, McGraw Associates, dated July 11, 2017. Supervisor Brown made a motion to **table** the **Ronald and Maureen Leighty Subdivision** plan. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with a unanimous vote. The Municipal Review period will end 09/03/2017.

Christopher Mills, Sr. Project Manager for Buckeye Partners, L.P. presented the **Buckeye Duncansville Station Land Development, Preliminary Plan**. The Blair Township Planning Commission approved the preliminary plan July 10th, contingent on the engineering comments of July 11th being addressed.

Mr. Mills, along with Shawn Roberts outlined in detail, presenting a handout, the need and purpose of the purposed **Buckeye** project. Chairman Silvetti requested Mr. Mills explain the plan for product flow reversal from the present west-to-east flow. The project would allow for the reverse flow of refined products from the East to West pipeline. Also, the tank being placed would remain empty 90% of the time, the purpose is to protect both lines and keep the pipeline from rupturing. Buckeye does not own the petroleum product, just the pipe and equipment to transport the North American crude. This project is in no way related to the Sunoco Mariner East Project. The end result being reduced cost in fuel.

Supervisor Brown asked that an ongoing issue with **erosion** and **sedimentation** be addressed, stating he’s been trying to have **Buckeye** resolve the issue for the past 5 years. Mr. Roberts assured him that Buckeye would address and resolve the issue next week.

Mr. Mills stated that they are still vetting the **schedule**, noting the earliest start date would be this fall, with spring of 2018 most probable. The proposed **wall**, depending on the elevation of the land, will range from 4’ to 11’ in height.

Mr. Roberts commented on **public awareness** and **safety issues**, noting that they provide annual awareness training. This training involves local officials, Volunteer Fire Company personnel and Emergency Responders. The facility is not manned 24-7 but is monitored 24-7. The tank itself is designed to contain an area of 110% of the actual need.

Following a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Lasek read verbatim from Chris Dutrow's engineering comments of July 11th, making this part of his official motion. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to conditionally approve the Buckeye Station Land Development Preliminary Plan contingent on; Blair County Planning Commission review, Blair County Conservation District review, 24" x 36" scale of plan, identification as a "preliminary plan", name and address of record owner of tract, deed book and page numbers, seal of Registered Professional Engineer, tax parcel numbers of subject tracts, total acreage, base of benchmark for elevations, list of utility companies, signed and notarized statement by owner certifying ownership, intent to develop, and authorizing recording, place for signatures of the Township Chairman, Secretary and Planning Commission, exterior boundary lines, name and deed references of adjacent land owners, existing streets on and adjacent to the tract, watercourses, flood plains, wetlands, geologic features, buffer areas and a statement that approval of the preliminary plan does not authorize construction of facilities or the sale of lots depicted on the plan. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to **conditionally approve the Buckeye preliminary plan** contingent on the review comments of July 11th passed with a unanimous vote.

The proposed **Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance No. 2017-02** was discussed. §3-Maintenance b. Penalties and Violations were determined to be as per event. §4 a. The Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance can not be imposed on *existing* streets located within multi-family and apartment developments. §4 b. Public Safety, the need of repair or renewal thereof is open ended and subject to debate. It was noted that §4 a. is more difficult than §4 b. to define. Solicitor Rouch will add the Blair Township Code Officer to §6 for Enforcement provision. Supervisor Lasek made a motion to add the Enforcement language to section number 6. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to **add the Enforcement language** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve advertising the Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance No. 2017-02**. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. Solicitor Rouch will place the advertisement for adoption at the August Supervisor's Meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve the Headline Marketing & Communications Hosting Renewal** for a period of 1-year at a cost of **\$1,796.00**. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The renewal period is 8/1/17 through 7/31/18 and provides 3 hours per month of administrative assistance and also the mobilization feature. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lasek made a motion to table the release of the **Pleasant View Phase 4 Development Maintenance Bond**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. To date, the checklist items are not satisfied. The motion to table release passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve** the **PA DOT 2017-2018 Municipal Winter Services Agreement**. Supervisor Lasek seconded the motion. The Agreement includes a 3% increase from the 2016-2017 Agreement. The Agreement covers **State Route 2012 (Newry Lane)** and is **effective 10/15/17-04/30/2018, total \$2,269.79**. The motion to approve the **Winter Services Agreement passed** with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lasek made a motion to approve the annual **Commercial Alarm Article of Agreement** between **Blair Township** and the **County of Blair Department of Emergency Services**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The annual fee for the service is \$300. The motion to **approve** the **Commercial Alarm Agreement** passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business:

Chairman Silvetti reported that the **CDBG Greendown Acres Sewerage Collection System (Street Repair Component)** project is now complete. Billing by and payment to the contractor has not yet occurred.

Chairman Silvetti commented on **PA House Bill 1469**. This Bill, now before the Senate after having passed the House with PSATS opposition, would require municipalities who contract for UCC inspection services to accept other Third Party UCC Inspection Agencies. Supervisor Lasek stated this would create a “Wild West” situation in municipalities, as the lowest and cheapest contractors would search for more lenient inspection agencies. Some agencies could let things slide as opposed to going by the book and abiding by regulations. Building Code Officer Don Ott commented that the Third-Party Inspection Agency chosen by the Township through the RFP process does an excellent job, noting that **P.M.C.A.** is timely and efficient.

Chairman Silvetti announced that Blair Township has been awarded a **Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant** for an “Edgewood Drive Stormwater Basin Retrofit”, as submitted by Stiffler McGraw Engineers. The project will create a more efficient, as well as aesthetically pleasing, correction for stormwater runoff, adding to Blair Township’s efforts to comply with MS-4 requirements.

Chairman Silvetti noted that the Pennsylvania Legislature’s **Legislative Budget and Finance Committee** is in the process of conducting a study of the Commonwealth’s **Open Records** law. An informational discussion took place.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Silvetti announced that immediately following adjournment an **Executive Session** would be held for the purpose of discussing the Blair Township Police Department Collective Bargaining negotiation and a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson

Secretary/Treasurer