

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2018

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

In attendance were: Chairman Silvetti and Supervisors Palmer Brown and Paul Amigh II; Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson; 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 Silvetti announced: "Public comment is both welcomed and invited. Any persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during the public comment period may be limited to five minutes per person." Attendees were also asked to silence their cell phones.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of February 13, 2018. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of February: Payroll and payroll liabilities totaled \$66,780.10; General Fund disbursements for the month of February totaled \$33,435.13; Local Services Tax disbursements totaled \$18,297.00; and Capital Reserve disbursements totaled \$2,619.28. Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$121,131.51. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total disbursements in the amount of \$121,131.51 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for February 2018 as \$824,097.24. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" Treasury Balance for February 2018 as \$76,966.54. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Chairman Silvetti proceeded with the agenda.

Chairman Silvetti noted that the remaining item needed to satisfy the **Holliday Towne Center Subdivision** submission, the **Reciprocal Easement Agreement**, was received, reviewed, and found to be in order by Solicitor Rouch.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve** the **Reciprocal Easement Agreement**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Once the Agreement is signed by the affected parties, it will be recorded with the Holliday Towne Center Subdivision plan. The motion to **approve** the **Agreement** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve** the Holliday Towne Center Subdivision, 221 Glimcher Drive. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve** the **Holliday Towne Center Subdivision, 221 Glimcher Drive** passed with a unanimous vote.

Chris Dutrow introduced the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision**, as submitted by David K. Hines of Control Point Associates, Inc. The parcel is located between Wendy's and the river with 1/3 of the property located in Allegheny Township and 2/3 of the property located in Blair Township.

Two waiver requests are submitted. §404.B.8. Existing Structures. The Patt Plaza Building parcels were determined to have no bearing on the O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision submission. Chris Dutrow commented to the Supervisors that no exception is noted for consideration of the waiver. Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **approve** the waiver request to **§404.B.8, Existing Structures**. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The existing structures will be addressed later when the Land Development Plan is submitted. The motion to approve the waiver request passed with a unanimous vote.

Waiver request §502.G. Lot Line Cross Municipal Boundaries. Chris Dutrow commented that Stiffler McGraw takes no exception to the Supervisors consideration of the waiver, noting that the parcel could be rendered undevelopable if the requirement is not waived. Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve** the waiver request relative to **§502.G, Lot Line Cross Municipal Boundaries**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the waiver request passed with a unanimous vote.

Chris Dutrow noted that the developer had originally submitted, and then withdrew, a request to waive the **DEP Sewage Planning requirement**. DEP has since confirmed with the developer that the Sewage Planning is a State requirement and cannot be waived.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to table the O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision plan. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The municipal review period will end on 06/11/2018. The motion to **table** the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision** plan passed with a unanimous vote.

Joe Massaro of Sunoco Logistics, Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project, offered a courtesy status report. He commented that Sunoco has experienced some delays, but that the 20-inch line is 90% complete in Blair Township. There are two HTDs to be completed on the Everett Railroad property, with Sunoco waiting for DEP approval. He expects the 20-inch line to be completed this summer and the 16-inch line by January or February of 2019. Restoration will begin after the growing season. Eighty percent (80%) of the pipeline is complete in Pennsylvania. All the road bores are complete. The recent DEP stop work order was noted. . Minimal complaints were noted throughout the Township. A Cherry Blossom Lane complaint was discussed, but it appeared this issue may have been caused by the Hollidaysburg Borough Sewer Project. Also, a

well issue on Newry Lane appeared to be preexisting and simply made an issue due to the pipeline project. Mr. Massaro noted this issue was resolved satisfactorily with the land owner. Chief White commented that Sunoco did a good job taking care of the roadways, he also confirmed with Mr. Massaro that the security would remain in place throughout the duration of the project. The Supervisors expressed appreciation for the update.

Sheldon Gray, a Peters Lane resident, addressed the Supervisors regarding problem **parking** on the **Peters Lane cul-de-sac**. There are four property owners, three of which agree to the placement of “No Parking” signs on the cul-de-sac. The property owner in non-agreement is the one that parks his company vehicle on the cul-de-sac. Due to the parking issue, damage has been done to private property. When the vehicle is parked on the cul-de-sac it is necessary to make 2 – 3 point turns to exit the cul-de-sac. Chief White explained that the vehicle unfortunately is parked legally. This specific cul-de-sac presents a special issue due to its size; it is smaller than most. The current Ordinance requires an 80-foot cart way which allows safe parking on the cul-de-sac. Following a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that a two-hour parking limit may be considered. The consensus was that the Supervisors would look at a specific Ordinance to control parking on cul-de-sacs not meeting current size/dimension standards.

Joe Crossman addressed the Supervisors concerning a property on North Juniata Street and plans to thereupon construct a building. An informal design, as drafted by Mark Haefner of Keller Engineers, was presented. The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority has an established sewerline through the property. Due to the front (N. Juniata Street) and side streets (Green and Jefferson Streets) requirement(s), waivers would need to be considered to place the proposed single story, five-unit, multi-tenant office building. The developer has decreased the size of the proposed building from 9,000 SF to 8,250 SF to better accommodate placement of the structure on the lot. Many scenarios were discussed. It was determined that formal waivers would need to be presented before the Supervisors and the Engineer would be able to consider any approvals. The possibility of a Work Session or Special Meeting, if need be, would be considered.

Chairman Silvetti stated that the **Ordinances Codification** is complete. E360 is available on line with all the updates. Chairman Silvetti will forward information to Solicitor Rouch to prepare the Ordinance for approval to advertise at the April meeting. Once the advertising process is complete, the Codification should be ready for adoption at the May meeting.

Chris Dutrow commented that the **Buckeye Partners, L.P., Duncansville Station** has complied with all items in accordance with the **Conditional Preliminary Approval** that was granted at the February meeting.

Chief White made a request to formally terminate Patrol **Officer James Brantner’s** probationary period, **promoting** him to **Full Time Permanent Patrol Officer**. Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve promoting Officer James Brantner to Full Time Permanent Blair Township Officer. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Chief White commented that Officer Brantner has done, and continues to do an excellent job for the Township, and has met the minimum requirements for promotion. The motion to promote James Brantner to Full Time Officer passed with a unanimous vote.

Chief White mentioned that **Officer Brantner** was recently **honored** by the Fraternal Order of Police, in Centre County, with saving a fellow Officer H.T. Fownes life. Officer Brantner and Allegheny Twp. Officer Nagle rushed to the aid of Officer Fownes when he was in cardiac arrest. Officer Fownes is alive and on duty today due to the efforts of fellow Officers Brantner and Nagle. The Supervisors and assembly expressed their congratulations, noting that Blair Township is fortunate to have Officer Brantner.

Other Business:

Chairman Silvetti commented that he met with Chris Foster, Landscape Architect of Stiffer McGraw, with reference to the 1.8-acre parcel owned by Blair Township and located in Fort Fetter. Due to the size of the parcel, it was agreed that the best course of action would be to apply for a **DCNR Planning Grant**. A brief discussion suggesting different recreational applications for the property took place. It was determined that concepts for the park property would be distributed for comment to the surrounding Fort Fetter property owners. A mailing list will be compiled. Chris Dutrow commented that Chris Foster had reached out to DCNR, but hadn't heard back from them to date. Supervisor Silvetti stated that he would get a plan of action together, also noting that Southern Alleghenies may have some available funds for this project through its Greenways program.

Chairman Silvetti updated all on the **2020 Census, LUCA project**. He has reached out to Dave McFarland of the Blair County Planning Commission and also to Gary Wisor of Stiffer McGraw. Chairman Silvetti noted that the Township does not have the staffing to support the census addressing, noting that the BCPC should have the capability of doing this on behalf of the Township.

Chairman Silvetti stated that he and Betty met with **Gary Watters**, Executive Director of **AMED**. Mr. Watters requested the meeting as a courtesy to explain the status of AMED's involvement with the Duncansville Ambulance Association. According to Act 69 of 1933; chapter 1553, municipalities have the right to designate emergency services to specific areas within their jurisdiction. The Duncansville Ambulance Association, due to revenue and staffing issues, has agreed to have AMED manage its operation. This is not a hostile takeover, but instead, a mutual agreement. Following this meeting, Chairman Silvetti has since been contacted by a representative of the American Legion Ambulance Service, requesting a meeting as well.

Chairman Silvetti asked for comments regarding how the Township should proceed with divesting of **excess or outdated/worn office furnishings and equipment**. Supervisor Brown stated that the items needed to be named individually on a list and a Resolution needs to be in place to dispose of the excess items.

Chief White presented a wooden hand-crafted flag, donated by Township resident, **Dr. Adam Budny** and his daughters **Kimberly** and **Layla**, and given to the Blair Township Police Department. Chief White acknowledged his appreciation for the gift and requested suggestions for placement and preservation. The Supervisors expressed their appreciation.

Supervisor Brown announced that the **2018 Road Inspection** would take place on Friday, March 16th, inviting anyone wishing to participate to be at the Municipal Office at 9:00 a.m. on that date.

Chris Dutrow stated that the Carpenter's Union, a client of Stiffler McGraw, intends to put an addition on their facility, located within Blair Township. It was determined that the changes would be architectural and not require engineering review or Supervisors' approval. If the changes would be in addition to architectural only, then a secondary engineering firm would need to review the plan due to Stiffler McGraw's involvement.

Supervisor Brown will approach Joe Keller to see if Keller Engineering would provide secondary reviews for the Township when necessary.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary