

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2019**

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, Supervisor Palmer Brown and Supervisor Paul Amigh, II; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Patrol Officer, Nathan Hale; Highway Foreman, John Reed; and Solicitor Michael Routch.

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 Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of February 12, 2019. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of February were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson presented as follows: Payroll totaled \$31,820.93; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of February totaled \$63,914.57; Liquid Fuels disbursements were \$2,702.37; Capital Reserve disbursements, \$1,195.00; and Local Services Tax disbursements, \$4,086.61. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve total disbursements in the amount of \$103,719.48. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total disbursements in the amount of \$103,719.48 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for February 2019 as \$899,657.87. Supervisor Amigh 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 February 2019 as \$124,690.77. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti then announced that anyone wishing to address the Board of Supervisors could do so at this time.

**Blair Township Supervisor' Candidate, Nicole Germaux** introduced herself. She stated that she is a 29-year old resident of Reservoir Road and is running for Supervisor. She noted that she has a background and experience in municipal work, stating that she was employed at Allegheny Township for four years. She is currently employed as Executive Director of Contact Altoona, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people. She stated that she has the best interest of the people at heart. Nicole was welcomed by all.

It was noted that **Robin Cadwallader** has also filed a nominating petition to stand for election for Blair Township Supervisor.

Gregory Hillard, on behalf of the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision Plan**, has submitted a 95-day extension. Supervisor Brown made a motion to **accept the O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision Plan** extension. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Chairman Silvetti, commenting that for the sake of discussion, drafted a letter requesting that the developer finalize its subdivision plan within the 95-days extension period. The need for the extended time is assumed to be beyond the developer's control and is due to unresolved boundary issues. The motion to **approve the 95-day extension** passed with a unanimous vote. The letter, following input from Chris Dutrow, and as deemed necessary, will be forwarded to Mr. Hillard.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to table the O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision Plan. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the O'Reilly Auto Parts Subdivision Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on June 22, 2019.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to table the O'Reilly Preliminary Land Development plan, noting that the land development plan cannot be approved until the subdivision is approved. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the O'Reilly Preliminary Land Development Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on May 21, 2019.

There being nothing new to report, Supervisor Brown made a motion to **table the Barneywood Subdivision Plan**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Barneywood Subdivision Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on June 14, 2019.

The **Ventre Brothers Subdivision Plan**, as prepared by Stan Kimberly, was discussed. DEP has acknowledged receipt of the request for Planning Waiver and Non-building Declaration. Written correspondence from Chris Dutrow indicated that the review comments were addressed, and the Ventre Brothers Subdivision plan dated January 4, 2019 is ready for approval, however, reaffirming the need to record new deeds.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Ventre Brothers Subdivision Plan conditioned on the preparation and recording of new deeds. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Ventre Brothers Subdivision Plan** passed with a unanimous vote.

The executed **Anthony Snare Stormwater Fee and Stormwater Maintenance Agreement (O&M Agreement)** was received. Solicitor Rutch will proceed with recording the O&M Agreement. Chairman Silvetti commented that the rear retaining wall abutting the adjoining property is built, and the slopes are seeded. Given that the Township had previously approved a setback waiver, he requested by email that Chris Dutrow confirm there would not be an adverse stormwater runoff issue.

Stiffler McGraw has drawn an Easement Plat showing the optimal stormwater facility maintenance easement across lands of **Joe and Helen Pyzowski**. The **Hillside View Drive**

**Stormwater Detention Pond** encroaches on the Pyzowski property. The easement is presented with a ten-foot buffer for mowing purposes. Mr. Pyzowski tentatively plans to construct a garage on the property and, due to the encroachment, may require a variance to the setback requirement. The draft easement plat has been forwarded to and is being reviewed by Pyzowskis'. Once approved, the Township's solicitor will draft the easement document, including an indemnification for the Pyzowskis'.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to accept the **resignation** of **Louis Legory** as the **Local Emergency Management Coordinator** for Blair Township. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. As evidenced from conversation, the past two LEMCs expressed aggravation in working with the Blair County Emergency Management Administrative Assistant. The motion to accept the resignation passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the appointment of David A. Zeek as Blair Township's Local Emergency Management Coordinator. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Zeek will be paid a quarterly stipend of \$250.00. The radio will be transferred to Mr. Zeek for the tenure of his appointment as LEMC for Blair Township. Mr. Zeek is the LEMC for the Borough of Hollidaysburg, as well. The Borough agreed, as did the Township, to share the LEMC function. The motion to **appoint David A. Zeek** as **LEMC**, effective April 01, 2019 passed with a unanimous vote.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Silvetti announced a **Work Session** for **March 20<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.** for general Township business. He reiterated the need, as previously expressed, to reserve sufficient time to fully discuss Township issues.

Chairman Silvetti noted his concern regarding funding the **stormwater costs**, including MS4 and other storm water infrastructure. He referenced Act 62 of 2016. This Act extends to townships of the second class in Pennsylvania the authority to impose stormwater fees. It was noted that the \$100,000 annual ISC commitment is not sustainable from the Township's General Fund.

Supervisor Brown commented that the **Restore PA Act** provided additional funds to the Liquid Fuels account.

John Reed reminded the Board that he is scheduled to meet with **Mike Bowser** on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** to estimate possible road paving projects. Supervisor Brown commented that he is available and will review the Township roads with John.

There being no further business, Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson, Secretary