

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 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 and Supervisor Palmer Brown, with Supervisor Paul Amigh, II participating via conference call; Dodie Amigh, taking minutes in place of Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson; BTPD Chief, Roger White; Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Donald Ott; Highway 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.

Chairman Silvetti then announced that an agenda item was being added, this being the Barroner-Lechter Variance Agreement, the reason being that changes to this Agreement since the last meeting necessitated it being reviewed.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of August 13, 2019. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of August were reviewed. Chairman Silvetti presented as follows: Payroll totaled \$28,379.58; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of August totaled \$48,707.38; Liquid Fuels disbursements were \$33,612.47; Capital Reserve disbursements were \$17,564.57; Local Services Tax disbursements, \$1,652.00.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve total August disbursements in the amount of \$129,916.00. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total August disbursements in the amount of \$129,916.00 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for August 2019 as \$1,063,946.62. 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 August 2019 as \$109,769.84. 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 on general issues not already on the agenda could do so at this time. There being no comments offered, the meeting moved to Agenda Item #1.

**Don and Amy Rothrauff Sewage Facility Planning Module.** This module requires execution by the Blair Township Board of Supervisors as having been reviewed and acceptable for submission to PA DEP. He called on Chris Dutrow for comment, who stated all was in order. Supervisor Brown made a motion for the Board Chairman to sign Section K of the Module, as required. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to accept the waiver on the plan scale. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Rothrauff plan scale waiver** was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to accept the waiver of the contour lines. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **accept** the waiver to the **Rothrauff plan contour lines** was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brown then made a motion to **table** the Rothrauff Subdivision Plan, pending DEP approval of the Sewage Facility Planning Module, as well as Stiffler-McGraw review comments of August 7th, to include the Shared Driveway Agreement, being addressed. The motion to **table the Rothrauff Subdivision Plan** was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

**J119-Frankstown Communications (AT&T) Tower Preliminary Land Development Plan.** Chairman Silvetti reported that there are outstanding issues relating to this proposal, including the payment of a required review fee to the Blair County Planning Commission, as well as a variance request relative to the Township's setback requirements. The BCPC review will not be undertaken until such time as the fee is paid by the developer. The necessity of a setback variance was discussed; however, because of how 'structure' is defined in the Township's Code of Ordinances, the need for a setback variance does not appear to be necessary.

Jane Sheffield was then recognized as being in attendance and discussed reviews as may be required under the National Historic Preservation Act, given the proximity of the proposed tower to Chimney Rocks. Ms Sheffield offered further insight on this matter and provided a "Photo Narrative" of Chimney Rocks' historical significance.

Supervisor Brown made the motion to **table** the **J119 Frankstown Tower Preliminary Plan**. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

**Stuckey (F.L. Smithe) Project.** Ken Szala of P.J. Lehman Engineers presented a proposal on behalf of the developer. He stated that the project is in portions of, and thus impacts three municipalities (Duncansville Borough, Blair and Allegheny Townships; however, since most of the project is in Duncansville, he asked that required reviews be deferred to Duncansville. A discussion ensued, including comments from residents attending this meeting about adding

impervious area and the storm water implications, for same, as well as speculation that the site contains buried hazardous wastes.

Following discussion, Supervisor Brown made a motion to **approve deferring required reviews** to Duncansville Borough. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2019-01, Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Street Addressing with Blair County Municipalities and the County of Blair.** Having been properly advertised for adoption, Chairman Silveti made a motion to **adopt Ordinance No. 2019-01.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2019-02.** Chairman Silveti explained why actions pertaining to approval for advertising of Ordinance No. 2019-02 at the August Supervisors' meeting be rescinded, as well as the related motion of August 13<sup>th</sup> repealing Township Code Chapter 88, Articles I & II.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to rescind the motion of August 13, 2019, **approving Ordinance No. 2019-02 for advertising.** The motion was seconded by Chairman Silveti and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brown then entered a motion to **rescind the motion of August 13, 2019, repealing Chapter 88, Articles I & II of the Township's Code of Ordinances.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brown then made the motion to **Advertise for Adoption (the Revised) Ordinance No. 2019-02,** as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved unanimously. Chairman Silveti noted that the revised Ordinance No. 2019-02 represents a simple 'repeal and replace' action. Once adopted, and as with all ordinances revised or new, Ordinance No. 2019-02 would be presented to General Code for incorporation into the Blair Township Code of Ordinances.

**Blair Township Pension Minimum Municipal Obligations For 2020.** Worksheets showing 2020 MMO obligations for both the Police and Non-Uniform PMRS pension plans were reviewed by the Board. The amounts presented are funded through the Township's General Fund.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the **2020 MMO** for the **Police Pension Fund** obligation as **\$30,518.** Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Supervisor Brown then entered a motion to approve the **2020 MMO** for the **Non-Uniform Pension Fund** obligation as **\$52,119.** Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**DC Ventre Brothers Property Project.** No new or additional information having been received in this regard, Supervisor Brown entered a motion to **table the DC Ventre Brothers Property Project.** Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Weidley Property.** Solicitor Rutch stated that while discussions have been ongoing with Attorney Matt Gieg, Mr. Weidley's attorney, on this matter, no action is warranted at this evening's meeting.

**Upper Penn Farms Stormwater Study and Infrastructure Improvements.** A lengthy discussion took place, including interaction with residents in attendance, regarding the preliminary engineering report issued by Stiffler-McGraw Engineers that outlined proposed stormwater-related infrastructure projects which, if undertaken, would mitigate the possibility of future stormwater-related flooding. These projects were reviewed with an emphasis on how to pay the estimated \$1.75 million cost. Chairman Silveti reviewed prior discussion by the Board of Supervisors regarding imposing a storm water impact fee, one based on impervious areas on each real estate parcel in the Township. He further provided detail as to what an annual fee might look like, describing that an average fee might total \$90+/year, but that if based on impervious area, would likely be substantially lower for the average homeowner. He also provided information on how mandated storm water pollution reduction costs are impacting the Township's General Fund Budget, making it increasingly difficult to maintain budget balance. Finally, he described the statutory parameters of imposing and collecting a storm water impact fee, given that storm water conveyance is considered a public utility issue in Pennsylvania. There was general agreement among residents in attendance that an impervious area-based fee was the fairest method for determining a storm water impact fee. No decision has yet been rendered by the Board of Supervisors, and that public meetings are contemplated prior to any such fee being adopted.

**Other Business:**

It was noted that, as shown on the agenda, two proposals (Stiffler-McGraw and Stephen Parks & Associates) were received for the Fort Fetter Community Park Design. There is additional information needed from the granting agency regarding the structure of a professional services contract for this work, Accordingly, no action was taken at this evening's meeting.

It was reported out that agreement has been reached between Blair Township and **S&A Homes** with respect to what items need addressed prior to the Township considering a petition to accept dedication of certain streets within the Harvest Glen Development.

**PA Senate Bill 607**, providing for the use of RADAR and LIDAR by Pennsylvania municipal police departments has passed the Senate and is now before the House Transportation Committee. There is a sense that opposition by other groups may prevent this from becoming law, as has happened with past attempts to extend RADAR and LIDAR use by Pennsylvania municipal police departments.

**Barroner-Lechter Variance Agreement.** Solicitor Rutch reviewed minor changes made to the agreement as reviewed at a prior Supervisors meeting. Only the signature of Robert F. Pennington remains to finalize this issue.

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There being no further business, Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Approved as to form.

Betty Robertson  
Secretary