

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JANUARY 06, 2020

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 Edward Silvetti; Supervisor Paul Amigh II; Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson; BTPD, Chief Roger White; Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Donald Ott; Highway Foreman, John Reed; Eric Banks, PE, of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates; and Solicitor Michael Rouch.

Chairman Silvetti announced: "Public comment is both welcomed and invited in accordance with Township of Blair Policy and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Right-To-Know provisions and the Sunshine Act. 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.

Announcement: The 2020 Annual Organization Meeting of the Blair Township Board of Supervisors was conducted at 6:30 p.m. this evening, immediately prior to this Business Meeting.

In accordance with Pennsylvania's Second Class Township Code (the Code), Section 407, the Blair Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares an opening on its Board of Supervisors. This position will be filled as expeditiously as possible as specified by the Code. Chairman Silvetti made a motion to declare a vacancy. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to declare a vacancy of the Blair Township Board of Supervisors passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of December 10, 2019. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed two yes votes.

Disbursements for the month of December were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson presented as follows: Payroll totaled \$30,860.56; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of December totaled \$64,677.14; Liquid Fuels \$3,494.76 and Local Services Tax disbursements, \$1,652.00.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total December disbursements in the amount of \$100,684.46. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total December disbursements in the amount of \$100,684.46 passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for December 2019 as \$907,766.42. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the “Specific Service Investment Account Funds” Treasury Balance for December 2019 as \$129,470.80. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Silvetti then announced that anyone wishing to address the Board of Supervisors on general Township issues may do so at this time. Additionally, prior to votes being taken on items shown on the agenda, public comment may also be offered following discussion by the Board of Supervisors. Public comment may be limited to five (5) minutes per Township resident or other individuals in attendance. For clarity of the record, each speaker is asked to stand and clearly state his/her name.

The **O’Reilly Final Land Development Plan**, as prepared by Greg Hillard of Bollard Engineering, was discussed. The Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement and the \$2,000 Stormwater Maintenance fee, as well as the PA DOT H.O.P. were received. The storm sewer and sanitary sewer connection easements need to be in place and the ownership certification pages remain outstanding. The developer is requesting a 95-day extension to the current review period.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to accept the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement, with Solicitor Rouch confirming his review and approval. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **accept the O’Reilly Land Development Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement** passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to approve the request for a 95-day extension. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the 95-day review extension** passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to table the O’Reilly Final Land Development Plan. The motion to **table the O’Reilly Final Land Development Plan** was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on April 15, 2020.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to **table the J119-Frankstown Communications (AT&T) Tower Preliminary Land Development Plan**. The review comments of October 1st have not been addressed. The motion to **table the Preliminary Land Development Plan** was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and approved with two yes votes. Chairman Silvetti noted that he had received a communication from Jane Sheffield, responding to her that no new information has been received on the proposed tower. The municipal review period will end on February 19, 2020.

The **Peterson Accounting Group proposed New Building Addition Plan** as prepared by Adam Long of Keller Engineers was discussed. Eric Banks commented that several review comments remain, such as the cost estimate, PA DOT H.O.P., and owner’s certification of the plans. The Board determined that the size of the project does not warrant a Developer’s Agreement.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to **table the Peterson Accounting Group proposed New Building Addition Plan**. The motion to **table the Building Addition Plan** was seconded by

Supervisor Amigh and passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on February 15, 2020.

The **Barnhart Land Development Plan**, as prepared by Adam Long, was briefly discussed. The Blair County Conservation District has issued the NPDES Permit for the project. The Township engineers review comments are pending, as well as BCPC and BTPC reviews. Chairman Silveti made a motion to table the Barnhart Land Development Plan. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table** the **Barnhart** plan passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on March 14, 2020.

To date, there are two items remaining on the checklist for completion of the **S & A Homes Harvest Glen** project. John Reed confirmed that the items indicated in the inspection by Ben Piper of Keller Engineers remain incomplete. No action was needed at this time, nor taken.

The **Martellacci Lot Line Relocation** plan is conditionally approved and ready for recording, pending receipt of the signed variance request. Solicitor Rouch has reviewed and approved the variance. Martellacci legal counsel has indicated that he is working on getting the signatures. Chairman Silveti made a motion to approve the Martellacci variance request pending execution by the parties involved. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **conditionally approve** the **Martellacci variance request** passed with two yes votes.

Jeff Holtzinger presented a written request for release of the financial security held on the **Pleasant View Phase 6** project. The 18-month period warranty on the public infrastructure has been exceeded. Chairman Silveti made a motion to release this security in the amount of \$2,978.54 plus any additional interest accrued to Mr. Holtzinger. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve release** of the **financial security** passed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Silveti briefly commented on his prior concerns with the approved common driveway, stating he anticipates future issues relating to the common driveway being raised by future residents of Phase 6. Although recognizing the high construction cost of building a public street, this would have been his preference.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **accept Resolution No. 2020-01**, approving the **disposition** of **General Office fiscal records** from **2013**, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2020-01 passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **accept Resolution No. 2020-02**, approving the **disposition** of **Police Department records** from **2014**, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2020-02 passed with two yes votes.

Other Business and Informational Items:

Chairman Silveti stated that letters were sent to both the Blair County Republican and Democratic Party Committee Chairs seeking applicants for the Supervisor vacancy. The application is available on the Blair Township website. The information to provide application

was also submitted in letter-form to the Altoona Mirror. The deadline for applying is January 17th, 2020. The Supervisors will conduct interviews of the applicants in order to agree on an appointment to fill the Supervisor vacancy.

The **Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority** is to meet with Sarah Seymour to discuss issues relating to the Authority building's continued use as a Blair Township polling place.

Solicitor Rouch announced that this will most likely be his last meeting representing the municipality as Solicitor. He thanked the Supervisors and the staff, commenting that it was a pleasure to serve the Township.

Chairman Silvetti called for further business. There being none, Chairman Silvetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with two yes votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary