

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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 Edward Silveti; Supervisor Paul Amigh II; Supervisor Robin Cadwallader; Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson; BTPD, Chief Roger White; Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Donald Ott; Eric Banks, PE, of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates; and newly appointed Solicitor Patrick Fanelli.

Chairman Silveti welcomed Robin Cadwallader to the Board of Supervisors and welcomed Patrick Fanelli as the Solicitor for the Township of Blair.

Chairman Silveti explained (for the sake of clarity for Supervisor Cadwallader) that minutes are initially prepared by Betty in draft form, forwarded to him for review and editing, and finally forwarded by email to the Supervisors, Township Officials, and attending staff for further review and suggested edits. Minutes are then presented for adoption at the next Township Supervisors' Business meeting.

Chairman Silveti 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.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Organization Meeting of January 06, 2020. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed two yes votes. Supervisor Cadwallader abstained from voting, noting she was not in attendance.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of January 06, 2020. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed two yes votes. Supervisor Cadwallader abstained from voting, noting she was not in attendance.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of January 29, 2020. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of January were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson presented as follows: Payroll totaled \$33,832.67; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of January totaled \$63,858.38; Liquid Fuels \$18,843.46; Capital Reserve Fund \$25,000.00; Local Services Tax \$4,734.99; Act 32 of 2012 \$23,000.00; Stormwater Maintenance Account \$22,499.74 and the Developer's Maintenance Account, \$3,020.53. It was

noted that the Developers' Maintenance Account expenditure represented the full return of the Financial Security being held in favor of the Pleasant View Phase 6 Development.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total January disbursements in the amount of \$194,789.77. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total January disbursements in the amount of \$194,789.77 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for January 2020 as \$876,748.04. Chairman Silvetti 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 January 2020 as \$112,761.70. Chairman Silvetti 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 Township issues may do so at this time. It was asked that comments related to any specific agenda item be deferred until that point in the meeting. 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.

Joe Crossman addressed the Supervisors, requesting consideration and advice concerning the Pleasant View Phase 6 Development. He is working with Mr. Holtzinger, the developer. He commented on the steep terrain and questioned the need to go through formal subdivision action in order to make minor changes to the recorded lot lines. Mr. Crossman also stated that he clearly understands that no building permits will be issued until the NPDES Permit application is submitted and approved to the Blair County Conservation District. Mr. Crossman asked the Supervisors' consideration for simply adjusting certain lot lines to increase those lots' sizes to the rear of the development and decrease the size of the middle. He questioned whether the Supervisors would be receptive to entertaining this idea, noting it was being done to move the development along as quickly as possible.

Chairman Silvetti commented on his already-stated concerns with Phase 6, including the shared driveways and stormwater infrastructure. He then restated his preference for public streets, in this instance for Phase 6, as well as concerns with long-term stormwater infrastructure responsibilities of the prospective property owners. Mr. Crossman responded that public streets cannot be a feasible option, noting the expense being too great and the resulting cost of lots as too high, rendering them impossible to sell.

Eric Banks stated that the only way to have the lot lines adjusted, since Pleasant View Phase 6 is recorded with established lots, would be to resubmit a formal Land Development Plan for the Township's consideration.

Solicitor Fanelli agreed, noting it would trigger a full subdivision and land development review. He commented that any change by definition is a subdivision and requires review.

The **O'Reilly Final Land Development Plan**, as prepared by Greg Hillard of Bollard Engineering, was discussed. All items, except for the storm sewer connection easement, are in place.

Supervisor Amigh 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 Cadwallader and passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on April 15, 2020.

Chairman Silvetti commented on the **AT&T Communications Tower preliminary plan**, referred to as the **J119 Frankstown Communications Tower**, to construct a tower relatively near the viewshed of the Chimney Rocks historical site. Concerns have been expressed by the Hollidaysburg Historical Society; they claim it would have a negative impact on the Chimney Rocks viewshed. The Municipal Review Period is due to expire on February 19th, 2020. Alberto Diaz, representing the developer, has stated in an email that he wishes to have the plan rejected with the intent of re-submitting later.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **reject the J119-Frankstown Communications (AT&T) Tower Preliminary Land Development Plan**, agreeing to **waive a future Land Development Application Fee**, if the plan is resubmitted. The motion to **reject the Preliminary Land Development Plan** was seconded by Supervisor Cadwallader and approved with a unanimous vote.

The **Peterson Accounting Group proposed New Building Addition Plan**, as prepared by Adam Long of Keller Engineers, was discussed. The Stormwater Management and Maintenance Agreement, including the \$2,000 fee were received. Eric Banks commented that several review comments remain, such as the PA DOT H.O.P. and Financial Security. The current municipal review period will end on February 15, 2020.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the Stormwater Management and Maintenance Agreement. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. Supervisor Cadwallader requested minor details regarding the proposed building addition prior to voting. Clarifications were reviewed. The motion to **approve the Peterson Accounting Group Stormwater Management and Maintenance Agreement** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the 95-day Extension request. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Peterson Accounting Group 95-day Review Extension** passed with a unanimous vote. Supervisor Amigh 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 Cadwallader and passed with a unanimous vote. The updated municipal review period will end on May 24, 2020.

The **Barneywood Land Development Plan**, as prepared by Adam Long, was briefly discussed. Eric Banks commented on specific items. The stormwater plan includes three rain gardens. Also, a switchback is planned due to the terrain and steepness of the driveways. The BTW&SA is requiring a sanitary sewer main extension be constructed near the house adjacent to the existing system on Route 36. Outstanding administrative comments remain from the February 3rd Stiffler/McGraw review letter.

The developer is requesting a waiver to §350-41 E. "Grading within three feet of the property line." The engineer indicated that no exception is taken to the request. Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the waiver request. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to **approve a waiver to § 350-41 E.** for the **Barneywood** plan passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to table the Barneywood Land Development Plan. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Barneywood Land Development Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. 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; none was taken.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve Blair Township's participation in the Costars DGS Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) for the August 2020-July 2021 Season. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The required minimum tonnage is amended to 150 Tons. The motion to participate in the **Costars Road Salt Contract** for the 08/2020-07/2021 contract period passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti reviewed issues surrounding the July and September 2018 rain events and how these events overwhelmed the stormwater collection and conveyance systems in specific Penn Farms' neighborhoods, specifically to the North of Newry Lane from Forsht Lane to Brentwood Drive. Gary Wisor of Stiffler McGraw, as authorized by the Board of Supervisors, has completed a study, including recommendations for improvements to the stormwater infrastructure in those subdivisions.

Mr. Wisor presented a detailed list of projects, outlining the specific expense items such as surveying, design, E & S plan; to include review and permitting, bidding and construction administration fees.

Mr. Wisor noted that this is primarily a capacity issue. The infrastructure in place is not adequate to handle the excessive rain events. He suggested starting downstream, making improvements and working up from there. Specific areas such as Brentwood Drive, Lowry Drive, Holliday Drive, Robin Lane, Meadow Lane, and Pennington Drive were discussed in detail. Mr. Wisor estimated the cost to make the recommended improvements would be approximately \$1,129,000. This includes all six areas. He mentioned a new round of flood mitigation grants that the Township may be interested in pursuing.

Chairman Silveti thanked Gary Wisor for preparing the report and outlining the recommendations. He commented that follow up discussion about available grants would be held later.

The Blair County Planning Commission has announced that state and federal agency approvals are in place and the County is approved by FEMA for municipal adoption of the new **hazard mitigation plan** to replace the existing out-of-date 2013 plan. The revised hazard mitigation plan profiles the state's most frequent hazards, flooding and stormwater being the greatest. Emergency response considerations are also addressed in the new plan. In order to comply, municipalities in Blair County are required to pass the "**BRAVE**" (**Blair Resilience: Addressing Vulnerability and Exposure**) Resolution.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **accept Resolution No. 2020-03**, approving the **authorization of implementation of BRAVE** (Blair Resilience: Addressing Vulnerability and Exposure). Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. **Resolution No. 2020-03 passed** with a unanimous vote.

Sunoco Pipeline is requesting an extension to the Blair Township/Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. Agreement. The Agreement is set to terminate on February 28, 2020. The project is nearing completion in Blair Township, but it will not be finalized by the date of the Agreement termination. The Agreement permits Sunoco to move certain construction vehicles over designated Township roadways.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **approve the First Amendment to the Blair Township and Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. Road Use and Maintenance Agreement**, extending the term by one-year until **February 28, 2021**. Chairman Silveti seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Amended Sunoco Agreement passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti made a motion to accept the high bid in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the Township's 2012 Dodge Charger. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The vehicle was listed with Municibid. The motion to **accept the high bid of \$3,600.00** passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business and Informational Items:

Chairman Silvetti called for further business. There being none, Supervisor Amigh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary