

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2020**

**Due the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was, and future meetings will be, conducted via conference calling. All attendees must call the number provided to enter the meeting. No physical/face-to-face attendance is permitted.**

Chairman Edward Silvetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following were in attendance via teleconferencing bridge: Chairman Edward Silvetti; Supervisor Paul Amigh II; Supervisor Robin Cadwallader, Ph.D.; Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson; BTPD, Chief Roger White; Eric Banks, PE, of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates; and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli. Each teleconference attendee stated their name clearly for the record.

Chairman Silvetti noted that the general public was advised of the opportunity and means to attend the meeting via teleconferencing through multiple sources, including the *Altoona Mirror*, the Blair Township website, and Municipal Office Building door postings. Thus, every attempt was made by the Blair Township Supervisors to include interested participants.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of March 10, 2020. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of March were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson presented as follows: Payroll totaled \$31,443.80; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of March totaled \$47,686.11; Capital Reserve Fund \$453.50; and Local Services Tax \$24,639.42.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total March disbursements in the amount of \$104,222.83. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total March disbursements in the amount of \$104,222.83 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for March 2020 as \$1,083,199.03. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Specific Service Investment Account Disbursements for the month of March were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson commented as follows: Barneywood Land Development financial security in the amount of \$247,757.23 was replaced by a Letter of Credit. Also, a \$10.00 bank fee was charged to the Act 32, 2012 Account. Disbursements, from the Specific Service Investment Accounts for the month of March totaled \$247,767.23.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total March SSIA disbursements in the amount of \$247,767.23. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total disbursements from the Specific Service Investment Accounts for March in the amount of \$247,767.23 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the “Specific Service Investment Account Funds” Treasury Balance for March 2020 as \$163,981.11. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

In the absence of public attendance/participation, Chairman Silvetti proceeded with the agenda.

**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. A draft of the storm sewer connection easement is in the process of being reviewed by O’Reilly. Eric Banks clarified that the storm sewer is owned by the Plaza and that the sanitary sewer is owned by the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority. The sanitary sewer easement was previously granted and approved by the Hollidaysburg Authority and O’Reilly. The current clock will expire on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Greg Hillard, on behalf of O’Reilly Land Development, submitted a 95-day review extension.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the 95-day extension. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The O’Reilly **95-day extension** passed with a unanimous vote.

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 a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on July 19, 2020.

**The Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition**, as prepared by Todd Beiswenger of Young Engineers & Surveyors, was discussed. Eric Banks explained that the property is located off Mill Road, outside of Newry. A portion of the Clapper property is being added to the adjoining Leatherman property. He noted that there is a discrepancy in the plan that was submitted because the plan must specify the existing sanitary sewer and water service for the subject properties. Waiver requests were then discussed.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the waiver request to **§ 350.22, Drawing Scale**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Eric Banks confirmed the scale is legible as presented. The motion to approve a waiver to §350.22 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the waiver request to **§ 350.22.b(2), Topographic Contour Lines**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Eric Banks confirmed this is a non-build plan and no exception is taken to granting the waiver. The motion to approve waiving §350.22. b. (2) passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to table the Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition pending satisfaction of the review comments of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Amigh seconded the

motion. The motion to **table the Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will expire on July 18, 2020.

The **Longshadow Builders, LLC Non-building Subdivision Plan**, as prepared by Gerald Pastva, P.L.S., was discussed. Eric Banks explained that the property is located on Reservoir Road. The developer wishes to create three new lots, two on the right side of Reservoir Road and one on the left. There are two existing houses on opposite sides of Reservoir Road, both with on lot septic systems. The developer, due to existing malfunctioning septic systems, has indicated that he is pursuing public sewage. The plan is submitted with a DEP Non-build waiver exemption, this exemption requires the SEO, Luke Helsel, to sign off prior to the Supervisors consideration. Standard waiver requests were discussed.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the waiver request to **§ 350.22, Drawing Scale**. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. Eric Banks confirmed the scale is legible as presented. The motion to approve a waiver to §350.22 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the waiver request to **§ 350.22.b(2), Contour Lines**. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve waiving §350.22. b. (2) passed with a unanimous vote. It was noted that this approval may be a moot point depending on the outcome of the sewage issue. In this regard, Chairman Silveti noted that the extension of public sewerage service by the BTW&SA on Reservoir Road will not occur in the near term, engineering is not complete, and funding is uncertain.

The Stiffler McGraw review of March 26, 2020, recommended that due to the non-build submission, a fifth note be added to the Longshadow plans, indicating that any future development is subject to the Blair Township Code of Ordinances, specifically the Subdivision and Land Development and the Stormwater Ordinance(s). Chairman Silveti made a motion to require the plan to specifically add the recommended fifth note that any future development is subject to Blair Township's Code of Ordinances. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **add the fifth note** to the **Longshadow Builders, LLC Subdivision Plan** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to table the Longshadow Builders, LLC Non-building Subdivision Plan. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Longshadow Plan passed** with a unanimous vote. Due to the variables disclosed, it was suggested that submission of plan at this time may have been premature. The current municipal review period will expire on July 18, 2020.

The **Mezzy Court Subdivision Plan**, as prepared by Todd Beiswenger of Young Engineers & Surveyors, was discussed. Eric Banks explained this is a 6.6 Acre parcel, located at the intersection of Hamer & Brodbeck Drive and is being divided into three lots, also adjusting the neighboring Doliveira side lot. He reviewed several comments outlined in the Stiffler McGraw letter dated April 10<sup>th</sup>. Among the comments, Banks noted specifically that Google Earth indicates one residence is already accessing the shared driveway, which would exceed the access limits of four properties as set forth in the shared driveway provisions of Township's Code of Ordinances.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the waiver request to **§ 350.22, Drawing Scale**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Eric Banks confirmed the scale is legible as presented. The motion to **approve a waiver to §350.22** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to **table the Mezzy Court Subdivision Plan**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Mezzy Court Subdivision Plan passed** with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on July 18, 2020.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve advertising to solicit for 2020/2021 stone bids (Township Roads Department). Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve advertising to solicit stone pricing bids** passed with a unanimous vote.

As follow up to the **S & A Homes / Harvest Glen** Street Dedication, Chairman Silvetti has requested that S & A Homes revise the draft Deed of Dedication to adequately reflect the language in the Developer's Agreement relating to the specific street-related infrastructure that is to be dedicated to the Township. As currently drafted, the Deed of Dedication includes infrastructure that is dedicated to other entities, e.g., stormwater and public water and sewer infrastructure. No action is being taken at this time pending a revised draft Deed of Dedication from S & A Homes, Inc. legal counsel.

Chairman Silvetti stated that the requested Stormwater Flooding Grant Application Proposal was received from Gary Wisor of Stiffler McGraw. The proposal is based on a time and material basis and is not to exceed \$3,000.00. Chairman Silvetti expressed mixed feelings about proceeding due to the current state of the economy relative to the Covid-19 Pandemic. He noted that the economic shut down will create adverse budget/revenue issues this year as well as into 2021 and beyond. Supervisor Amigh and Cadwallader shared Chairman Silvetti's opinion and conceded that the **Grant Application not be acted on at this time**.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05 PEMA DAP-1 Designation of Agent. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The Resolution designates Betty Robertson to file the necessary paperwork and requests for associated Blair Township costs relating to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2020-05 Designation of Agent passed** with a unanimous vote. To date the Township has purchased cleaner, face masks, and hand sanitizer.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to approve granting a Variance Request as submitted by Mike and Shari Rouch, 201 Ridgemont Drive. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The variance is needed due to proposed construction by the Rouch's of a deck that would extend into the rear setback. The affected neighboring property owner, S & A Homes, Inc., has approved the request. The motion to **accept the Rouch Variance Request passed** with a unanimous vote.

#### **Other Business and Informational Items:**

A quote was received from **Chemung Supply** in the amount of **\$9,850.00** for guard rail replacement on Forsht Drive. Due to the timeliness, PA DOT was not consulted. Pending PA DOT review and approval, Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **tentatively approve** the quote

as submitted by **Chemung Supply** in the amount of \$9,850.00. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to tentatively approve the quote, pending PA DOT approval passed with a unanimous vote. Guiderail replacement is a Liquid Fuels budgeted item.

Upon being queried by Chairman Silvetti, all attendees agreed that the teleconferencing platform used for this evening's meeting proved to be an effective means of conducting a public meeting during this time of social distancing.

Chairman Silvetti called for further business. There being none, Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson  
Secretary