

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MAY 12, 2020

Conducted Via Telephone Conference Call

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; 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 participants.

An Executive Session was held via teleconference on April 30, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the status of the collective bargaining negotiations as this relates to a new contract with the Blair Township Police Officers bargaining unit. Chairman Silvetti added that it is likely a second bargaining session will take place sometime this week.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of April 14, 2020. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of April were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson presented the report as follows: Payroll totaled \$33,099.73; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of April totaled \$70,223.16; Liquid Fuels \$9,822.02; Capital Reserve Fund \$4,890.00; and Local Services Tax \$3,051.00.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve total April disbursements in the amount of \$121,085.91. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total April disbursements in the amount of \$121,085.91 passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for April 2020 as \$1,111,135.52. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Specific Service Investment Account Disbursements (SSIA) for the month of April were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Robertson reported as follows: Stormwater Maintenance Account disbursement in the amount of \$22,499.74. This is the quarterly amount payable to the Blair County Conservation District to cover costs associated with Intergovernmental Stormwater

Committee (ISC). Disbursements, from the Specific Service Investment Accounts for the month of April totaled \$22,499.74.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve total April SSIA disbursements in the amount of \$22,499.74. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total disbursements from the Specific Service Investment Accounts for April in the amount of \$22,499.74 passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti made a motion to approve the “Specific Service Investment Account Funds” Treasury Balance for April 2020 as \$169,952.68. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

No new information was received on the **O’Reilly Final Land Development Plan**, as prepared by Greg Hillard of Bollard Engineering. 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. The municipal review period will end on July 19, 2020.

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 **Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition**, as prepared by Todd Beiswenger of Young Engineers & Surveyors, was discussed. A revised, signed plan was received. Eric Banks confirmed that the review comments have been addressed.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve the Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Leatherman & Clapper Side Lot Addition Plan** passed with a unanimous vote.

The **Longshadow Builders, LLC Non-building Subdivision Plan**, as prepared by Gerald Pastva, P.L.S., was discussed. No new information was received from the developer. The proposed development is served by two on-lot septic systems, both of which are malfunctioning. The plan submission at this time was noted as perplexing, considering that there is no effectively functioning on-lot sewage system in place and public sewerage service could take several years to be provided. A general discussion took place regarding the BTW&SA proposed public sewerage system expansion along Reservoir Road, the location of this Longshadow project.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to table the Longshadow Builders, LLC Non-building Subdivision Plan. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Longshadow Plan passed** with a unanimous vote. 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 briefly discussed. Eric Banks stated that the review comments of the April 10th letter have not yet been addressed.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **table** the **Mezzy Court Subdivision Plan**. Supervisor Cadwallader 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.

The **Pleasant View Phase 6 Lot Line Adjustment Plan**, as represented by the developer, Jeff Holtzinger, was discussed. Eric Banks reviewed the engineering comments. The BCPC review remains outstanding, as well as approval by the BTPC. A waiver on drawing scale is being requested, and this request will be provided in writing by the developer.

Chairman Silvetti questioned the letter received from the **BCCD** in reference to the NPDES Permit for Pleasant View Phase 6. Mr. Holtzinger commented that he is in the process of addressing the Conservation District's concerns. He reassured the Supervisors, and this was acknowledged, that the BCCD letter has no bearing on the lot line revisions, noting that the intent of the revisions is to make the lots more appealing to buyers. Mr. Holtzinger stated that he is fully aware that the **E & S** and the **NPDES Permit** requirements must be met prior to any building permit applications being requested.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to table the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Lot Line Adjustment Plan**. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to **table** the **Pleasant View Phase 6 Lot Line Adjustment Plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on April 15, 2020.

Bids were opened for the Township's **05/2020-05/2021 Stone bids (delivered per ton)**.

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. bid:

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$16.60
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$11.85
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$14.45

Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. bid:

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$18.00
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$12.15
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$16.75

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. bid:

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$21.75
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$12.75
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$16.75

Chairman Silveti made a motion to **accept the stone bid price per ton, including delivery**, as submitted by **New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.**, pending review by the Solicitor. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

As follow up to the **S & A Homes / Harvest Glen** Street Dedication, Chairman Silveti commented that the current draft of the Deed of Dedication is incorrect as it includes infrastructure that is dedicated to the Homeowners Association and Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority. No action is being taken at this time pending a revised draft Deed of Dedication from S & A Homes, Inc. legal counsel. Chairman Silveti will re-emphasize the Deed of Dedication issues with S & A Homes.

Chairman Silveti commented that former Supervisor Palmer Brown had stated that he intended to continue to serve on the Blair Township Planning Commission. Mr. Brown has not responded to emails or attended the meetings. Chairman Silveti suggested removing Palmer Brown from the Blair Township Planning Commission and seeking another participating member. Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to remove Palmer Brown from the Blair Township Planning Commission and seek a new member. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. Chairman Silveti commented that he would send Mr. Brown a letter advising him of the Board's decision. The motion to send the letter **removing Palmer Brown** from the **Blair Township Planning Commission** and to seek a replacement passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business and Informational Items:

The **Barneywood** and **Peterson Accounting Stormwater Maintenance Agreements** were revised by Solicitor Fanelli and are suitable for recording.

Chairman Silveti made a motion to **approve the Barneywood Stormwater Maintenance Agreement**, contingent on payment of the required stormwater fee. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Agreement passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti made a motion to **approve the Peterson Accounting Group (PAG) Stormwater Maintenance Agreement**, contingent on payment of the required stormwater fee. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Agreement passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti commented on numerous instances in which the construction of **public infrastructure within subdivisions** has been very **sloppy**. He recently inspected a site with John Reed to look at stormwater inlet boxes located in Pleasant View on Teds Way and noted that the contractor had filled in gaps with field rocks, cementing over this shoddy work. This guarantees problems in the future, which the Township will need to repair at its expense. He concluded with emphasizing the need for more robust inspections during construction. This will add cost to the developer, but will solve the problem of shoddy work coming back to haunt the Township and reflecting financially on the taxpayers as they bear the burden of repairs. Stricter inspection requirements will need to be discussed and adopted.

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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 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betty Robertson
Secretary