

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JANUARY 04, 2021**

Chairman Edward Silvetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. immediately following adjournment of the annual Organization Meeting FY 2021.

Township elected officials and personnel present were Supervisor Paul Amigh II; Supervisor Robin Cadwallader, Ph.D.; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Chief of Police, Roger White; Road Foreman, John Reed; Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Donald Ott; and Township Engineer, Eric Banks. Due to multiple Township Meetings being held this evening, the Township Solicitor, Patrick Fanelli, was unable to attend.

Other visitors to the meeting included Dodie Amigh and Ted Ventre, and Tim McGaw (teleconference attendee).

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th Monthly Business Meeting. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes of the December 08, 2020, Business Meeting passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of December were reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Betty Robertson presented the report as follows: Payroll totaled \$31,373.92; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of December totaled \$67,312.25; Liquid Fuels, \$1,963.21; and Local Services Tax, \$11,016.25.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to approve total December disbursements in the amount of \$111,665.63. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total December disbursements in the amount of \$111,665.63 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for December 2020 of \$1,109,334.50, as presented. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the "Specific Services Investment Account Funds" Treasury Balance for December 2020 of \$170,324.94, as presented. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comment Period.** Chairman Silvetti announced the public comment period. No comment was offered. Chairman Silvetti proceeded with the agenda.

The **Sweeney Lot Merger Plan**, as prepared by Andrew Ebersole of Keller Engineers, was discussed. Eric Banks confirmed that a revised submission was received and is in order, noting the need for the developer to record a new deed, following approval and recording of the plan.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the **Sweeney Lot Merger Plan**. The motion to approve the plan was seconded by Supervisor Amigh and passed with a unanimous vote.

The **Martin Non-Building Subdivision Plan**, as prepared by Gerald Pastva, P.L.S., was discussed.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to **approve** the request for a waiver to **§350.36.C (Building Setbacks)**, contingent on the developer adding a note to the plan in accordance with directive from Solicitor Fanelli. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve the waiver request with the Solicitor's instruction passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to **table** the **Martin Easement Agreement**, pending review and approval from Solicitor Fanelli. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion to table. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to **table** the **Martin Non-Building Subdivision Plan**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to table the plan passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on February 13, 2020.

Notice was previously received of a proposed **Telecommunications Facility (AT & T Site Frankstown)** located off Chimney Rocks Road, Hollidaysburg. A balloon test, also previously scheduled, but postponed, is rescheduled for January 06, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon. In the case of poor visibility or high wind, an alternate test date is scheduled for January 08, 2021. Historical groups have interest in the location of the tower, fearing it may detract from the view shed.

The **Sunoco Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project** work is complete. John Reed reported that Sunoco repaired the minor damage created on Mill Road. Both Monastery and Mill Roads were bonded, Monastery Road was not used by Sunoco.

Chairman Silvetti made a motion to release the Sunoco Security Bond in the amount of \$25,500.00. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve release** of the **Sunoco Mariner East 2 Bond** passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **execute** the **Sunoco/Blair Township Settlement Agreement** as reviewed and amended by Solicitor Fanelli. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to execute the Settlement Agreement passed with a unanimous vote.

**Tim McGaw**, Manager, Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority addressed the Supervisors, again requesting the **reappointment of Lowell Kirk** to the BTWSA for another five-year term. Chairman Silvetti made a motion to reappoint Lowell Kirk to the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Board. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The floor then opened for discussion. Tim noted that Mr. Kirk does extra things, such as signing checks, and that he has a

CDL and is willing to drive the truck in his absence. Ted Ventre noted that Mr. Kirk is a valued member, is flexible, and that he votes his heart. Chairman Silveti commented that he has an interest in being appointed to the BTWSA Board, noting that if appointed would refuse the \$100 monthly stipend. Tim McGaw stated that he anticipated Mr. Silveti's desire and checked with the PA State Ethics Commission, being advised that Mr. Silveti would violate the PA State Ethics Law should he proceed with taking a seat on the BTWSA Board. Tim commented that the stipend is required and cannot be forfeited. Chairman Silveti stated that he would seek clarification with Mr. McGaw's Ethics Law statement, while continuing to search for a Board Member. Chairman Silveti called for a roll call vote to the motion introduced for Lowell Kirks reappointment. Chairman Silveti voted no. Supervisor Amigh voted no. Supervisor Cadwallader voted yes. The motion to reappoint Lowell Kirk to the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority failed. Supervisor Amigh commented that he has concerns about the Authority. He noted that he has more questions than answers when considering BTWSA issues. With the Board of Supervisors being the checks and balances for the Authority, he is uncomfortable with the Authority's functioning.

Chairman Silveti outlined a list of Salary/Wages and Benefits, as agreed on during the process of the Collective Bargaining with the Police. All other Township employees not covered by the Police CBA have typically been afforded similar or same salary/wage increases and benefits. For 2021 and based on the current CBA, the following would apply: 2.5% hourly pay increases for both full and part time employees; 22 years of continuous full-time employment would yield 25 days of paid vacation annually; sick days may be carried over annually to a maximum accumulation of 150 days; earned, but unused, sick days will be paid at a rate of \$30 per day upon retirement. Adversely discharged, or otherwise resigning employees will not be compensated for unused sick days. Chairman Silveti made a motion to approve the salary and benefits as he outlined for the affected Township employees. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the salary and benefits for the Township employees, as described**, passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **accept Resolution No. 2021-01**, approving the **disposition of General Office fiscal records from 2014**, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2021-01 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **accept Resolution No. 2021-02**, approving the **disposition of Police Department records from 2015**, as outlined on the Resolution and set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2021-02 passed with a unanimous vote.

As previously discussed, due to the passing of Dave Zeek, Blair Township has a **Local Emergency Management Coordinator vacancy**.

#### Informational Items:

The Township anticipates receiving the final plan on the **Fort Fetter Park** this week. Once the final plan is approved, SAPDC will be invoiced for the Grant funds it had previously approved.

**Other Business and Informational Items:**

Chairman Silvetti commented that a Puzzletown resident, **Mr. Alberts** had contacted the Township with reference to issues with the snow plowing by a neighboring adjacent business has. A site visit was conducted and the business has agreed to pay closer attention to its snow plowing along the property boundaries.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betty Robertson  
Secretary