

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MAY 11, 2021**

Chairman Edward Silveti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Township elected officials and personnel present included Chairman Silveti; Supervisor Paul Amigh II; Supervisor Robin Cadwallader, Ph.D.; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Chief of Police, Roger White; Highway Foreman, John Reed; Township Engineer, Eric Banks; and Township Solicitor, Patrick Fanelli. Building Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Donald Ott attended via teleconference.

There were no other visitors to the meeting, in person or by teleconference.

Chairman Silveti announced that following tonight's meeting a brief Executive Session would be held for the purpose of discussing personnel-related issues.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting and the Public Hearing of April 13, 2021. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021, Business Meeting passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of April were reviewed. Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson presented the report as follows: Payroll totaled \$51,025.74; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities for the month of April totaled \$87,953.62; Liquid Fuels, \$9,759.40; Capital Reserve, \$1,273.50; Local Services Tax, \$2,394.64, and the Fire Insurance Escrow Account, \$54,714.93.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve total April disbursements in the amount of \$207,121.83. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve the total April disbursements in the amount of \$207,121.83 passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for March 2021 of \$1,388,707.95, 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 April 2021 of \$80,204.68, as presented. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silveti called for public comment. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

The developer for the Hollidaysburg Family Dental Preliminary Land Development Plan has submitted a request for a 95-day review period extension, noting that the project is still under review by PA DOT relative to the required Highway Occupancy Permit for the proposed driveway entrance and the waterline installation. Eric Banks commented that a new submission addressing the engineer's review letter has not been received to date.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **approve** the **Hollidaysburg Family Dental Request for 95-day Extension**. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion to approve the clock extension passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to **table** the **Hollidaysburg Family Dental Preliminary Land Development Plan**. Chairman Silvetti seconded the motion. The motion to table the plan passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will now end on September 10, 2021.

The **Bruce S. & Carl J. Wyant Subdivision Plan** as prepared by Andrew Ebersole of Keller Engineers had previously been conditionally approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 13, 2021, pending DEP review. Confirmation of the DEP review of the Planning & Non-build Waiver was received by the township today, May 11th.

Supervisor Amigh made a motion to reaffirm the **approval** of the **Bruce S. & Carl J. Wyant Subdivision plan**. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. The motion for approval passed with a unanimous vote.

Proposals had been solicited for the **2021 Line Painting Project**; two were received. Alpha Space Control bid \$11,396.37 and Heaton Construction bid \$12,531.85. John Reed commented that the cost is less this year than last due to PA DOT paving of State Route 22; PA DOT will be responsible for reapplying the highway markings following completion of their paving project.

Supervisor Cadwallader made a motion to **award** the **2021 Line Painting Contract** to the low bidder, **Alpha Space Control Co., Inc.**, in the amount of **\$11,396.37**. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to award the contract to Alpha Space Control passed with a unanimous vote.

Responses were opened for the Township's **05/2021-05/2022 Stone Bid solicitation (delivered per ton)**. **These were tabulated as follows:**

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

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$17.10
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$12.10
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$14.65

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

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$20.70
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$12.20
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$16.70

**Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. bid:**

#1 (400T) AS-2 Anti-skid price per Ton	\$20.00
#2 (600T) 2A Subbase per Ton	\$12.50
#3 (100T) Aashto #1 per Ton	\$15.25

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

Joe Metzgar, Vice Chairman of Logan Township, has requested that the Blair Township Supervisors consider signing a letter prepared on behalf of the Blair County Association of Township Officials. The letter, addressed to Congressman John Joyce, challenges unfunded mandates, specifically the DEP and EPA-mandated MS-4 obligations. The letter requests relief from this Federal mandate. Supervisor Amigh made a motion to agree to signing the letter. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. Chairman Silvetti agreed that the MS-4 costs are burdensome for municipalities, but further commented that municipalities, including Blair Township, do have an obligation to manage stormwater; he suggested the mandate problem is that the MS-4 obligates municipalities to correct past decades' worth of inattention, a very expensive adjustment. The motion to **sign the multi-municipality letter** passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti stated that two meetings were recently held at the site of the proposed **Fort Fetter Community Park**. Trina Illig, the Township's CDBG Administrator, stated that she had not received a sufficient income survey response from the Fort Fetter residents and that the lack of response might preclude using **CDBG funds for the project**. Second notices were mailed to the non-respondent households. The consensus of those attending the two meetings show a lack of interest in the park, with the predominant interest being flood control. Three volunteer residents have been assigned the task of meeting as a work group to identify a preferred development plan. Supervisor Cadwallader, a resident of Fort Fetter, will represent the Township at the meetings and Chief White will assign an Officer to this ad hoc working group.

Betty requested permission to open an additional **FNB account** in preparation for the receipt of 2021 **American Rescue Plan Act** funding. A deposit in the amount of \$221,464.50 is expected between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Expenditure of the funds will be audited, requiring detailed spending records. Chairman Silvetti made a motion to approve an account specifically for ARPA funds. Supervisor Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve opening an additional bank account for this specific purpose passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Silvetti addressed an issue presented a few months ago by Township resident Ryan Sheetz. Mr. Sheetz is concerned with the speed of traffic at the **intersection of Brodbeck and Hamer Drives**. An LTAP study was conducted by a PA DOT consultant, recommendations were made, and a survey to comment on the action taken was forwarded to the Township. Several speed control measures were discussed. Chief White commented that the problem at the intersection is not the speed of the vehicles, but that vehicles do not stop at the stop sign, suggesting that enforcing the stop sign violators may be the best way to resolve the issue.

**Other Business and Informational Items:**

Chairman Silvetti reviewed several funding options relating to the **Reservoir Road/BTWSA** sewerage expansion project, specifically connection fees and cost of the installation of the laterals. He suggested that by making available a combination of CDBG funds, both entitlement and competitive, and ARP funds would help affected residents in paying for their costs. Supervisor Cadwallader commented that the project will not be shovel-ready for three to four years due to engineering and permitting. She also expressed concern that the Reservoir Road residents will not be able to support an additional utility invoice, especially when these residents have not been paying anything for this utility and there is the potential that the monthly cost to the residents will be quite high.

Chairman Silvetti stated that he had spoken with PA DOT regarding the North Juniata Street **sidewalk**. He learned that the present sidewalk extension was built at the request of the Borough of Hollidaysburg. Eric Banks stated that he would raise the issue of seeking an extension of the sidewalk with Allegheny Township to see if there is interest in cooperating with Blair Township. Grant moneys are available for sidewalk construction. Supervisor Cadwallader expressed the need for sidewalks in Fort Fetter, explaining repair, replacement, and construction needs, which would allow the residents to walk safely to area stores.

Information is included in the meeting packet as an invitation to participate in a virtual PSATS Town Hall Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss significant new information about the allowable uses of the **American Rescue Plan funds**. Registration is through PSATS.org. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Silvetti called for further business. There being none, Supervisor Amigh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Cadwallader seconded the motion. Chairman Silvetti reminded the other Supervisors that an Executive Session would be held following the adjournment. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betty Robertson  
Secretary