

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2022**

Chairman Paul Amigh II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Township elected officials and personnel included Chairman Paul Amigh, II; Supervisor Brad Germaux; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Police Sergeant, Roger Peacock; Road Foreman, John Reed; Office Assistant, Kami Bilek; representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks; and Township Solicitor, Patrick Fanelli. Supervisor Louis Lusk was absent.

Visitors: Trina Illig, CDBG Administrator; Ed Silvetti, BTW&SA Secretary/Treasurer; Tim McGaw, B.T.W.S.A Manager.; Vicki Wray; Mary Metzger, and Ken Szala, of Lehman Engineers representing the Hummingbird Daycare Facility.

Public comment is welcome and invited in accordance with the Township policy and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Right-To-Know provisions and the Sunshine Act.

Supervisor Brad Germaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of July 12, 2022. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with two yes votes.

Disbursements for the month of July: Payroll \$30,543.02; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities \$84,710.13; Liquid Fuels \$4,258.57; Capital Reserve \$8,101.50; Local Services Tax, \$13,624.76, and Stormwater Management Fund \$22,999.74.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the total July disbursements in the amount of \$164,237.72. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for July 2022 of 1,614,120.03. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Betty Robertson reported an error of the ending balance of the Specific Service Investment Account Fund for the period ending June 30, 2022. The ending balance was reported as \$94,340.96. The correct ending balance is \$94,341.43.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to approve the correction to the Specific Service Investment Account Funds. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" Treasury Balance for July 2022 of \$99,457.16. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes.

Chairman Amigh called for Public Comment.

Visitor Ed Silvetti took the podium to discuss the sale of the former Baronner's Farm Market to the Green Bean Coffee House and referenced the prior PennDOT project along North Juniata Street with regard to the request from Hollidaysburg Borough that businesses consider placing sidewalks in front of their buildings. Mr. Silvetti asked the Supervisors to consider adding a sidewalk requirement to the Green Bean building project. Chairman Amigh stated that he had spoken to the owner of the property, and they intend to place a sidewalk. Mr. Silvetti also suggested that the Supervisors make contact with the owner of the dental office that is scheduled to be completed to see if they would be willing to construct a sidewalk in front of the dental building. Chairman Amigh stated that the plans had already been approved without a sidewalk but that he is willing to reach out to the property owner to see if they would be willing to consider adding a sidewalk.

Visitor Vicki Wray took the podium to discuss her dissatisfaction with the maintenance and upkeep of the neighboring property owned by Mr. Tom Richardson. Chairman Amigh and Sergeant Peacock stated that they will visit the site and attempt to make contact with the owner to discuss his responsibilities.

Visitor Mary Metzger took the podium to discuss a nuisance ordinance with regard to her neighbor's incessantly barking dog. She stated that she has called the Humane Society, and they indicated it was an issue the Township must handle. Sergeant Peacock stated that he will speak with the homeowner once again and follow up on reports of continual barking, reaffirming that the complaint must be filed while an Officer is on duty and is able to witness the barking dog. Unrelated, Ms. Metzger later brought up an issue relating to stormwater runoff, stating that she intended to visit the Blair County Conservation District the following morning.

**Ordinance No. 2022-02; Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement** was reviewed and discussed. Solicitor Fanelli stated that the Ordinance was advertised and is ready for adoption, should the Supervisor's decide.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02; Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement as written. Chairman Amigh seconded. The motion to **adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02** passed with two yes votes.

The **Reservoir Road Sewerage Expansion Project/Competitive CDBG Funding** was discussed. Mr. Silvetti spoke on behalf of the BTW&SA Board, stating that the Board would like the Township to proceed with the application for grant monies for the project, noting that the BTW&SA will pay for all costs associated with the Competitive Grant Application. Trina Illig, CDBG Grant Administrator, confirmed that the grant application should be submitted to her and stated that she will provide the application to the Township Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Amigh suggested that Sherry Socie of the Blair County Planning Commission help with preparing the grant application. No formal action was taken at this time; However, Chairman Amigh and Supervisor Germaux both stated that they are in favor of proceeding with the application for the Competitive CDBG Funds.

Mr. Silveti asked for clarification from Trina as to the percentage of completed income surveys. Trina reported that as of 8/09/22 forty-three surveys remain out. She stated that puts the percentage of low/moderate income residents under the necessary 51%. Household surveys that are not returned automatically become tallied in the higher income bracket, making the low to moderate requirement impossible to achieve. Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Robertson and Trina Illig were asked to attempt to reach the residents one more time in order to attempt to bring the percentage of low to moderate income residents above 51%. The next outreach will be scheduled for a Saturday morning.

No new information was received for the **Longshadow & 26 Stone Stand Subdivision Plan**.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to table the plan. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Longshadow & 26 Stone Stand Subdivision Plan** passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on 09/25/2022.

John Stepp, on behalf of Jeff Long has **withdrawn** the **Mattern Woods Subdivision plan** effective August 4, 2022. Chairman Amigh made a motion to acknowledge the withdraw. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. Motion to **acknowledge the withdraw of Mattern Woods Subdivision plan** passed with 2 yes votes.

The **Mezzy Court Subdivision plan** as prepared by Todd Beiswenger on behalf of John Castle was discussed. The developer requested a 95-day extension of the municipal review period.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the extension. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion for **95-day extension for Mezzy Court Subdivision plan** passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end 11/13/22. The Blair Township Planning Commission recommended tabling the plan.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to table the Mezzy Court Subdivision plan. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Mezzy Court Subdivision plan** passed with two yes votes.

Ken Szala of P. Joseph Lehman Consulting Engineers presented the **Hummingbird Daycare Facility Land Development plan** as prepared by Elizabeth Heggie. Mr. Szala explained in detail the proposed plan including stormwater runoff, fencing, parking, sidewalks, and piping. Mr. Szala stated that he has received approval from the BTW&SA sewerage department but is waiting for water authority approval. He indicated that Lehman Engineers are working on a resubmission related to a change in easements. He requested a waiver from Section 350-45. B., providing curbs and stated that due to the grading of the lot, there would be no need for curbs.

Motion for waiver from Section 350-45. B., providing curbs was made by Supervisor Germaux. Motion seconded by Chairman Amigh. Motion to **approve the waiver of Section 350-45. B., providing curbs** passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to table the Hummingbird Daycare Facility Land Development plan. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **table the**

**Hummingbird Daycare Facility Land Development plan** passed with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on November 12, 2022.

Eric Banks reported on the **McKibbin Enterprises, LLC Lot Merger plan** as prepared by Andrew Ebersole of Keller Engineers. The property is located on East View Street. After discussion, the Supervisors suggest that the township maintain control of East View Street, which bisects the property. The recommendation is to merge the 12 contiguous parcels into two separate parcels, one on either side of the road in order to leave the turnaround for township plow trucks. Eric Banks will provide Keller Engineers with the recommendation. The plan is submitted with a Non-build Declaration. The Blair Township Planning Commission recommended approving the Non-Build Declaration and tabling the McKibbin Enterprises, LLC Lot Merger plan.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the Non-Build Declaration. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Non-build Declaration** for the **McKibbin Enterprises, LLC Lot Merger plan** passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **table the McKibbin Enterprises, LLC Lot Merger plan**. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. Motion to table the plan was approved with two yes votes. The municipal review period will end on October 14, 2022.

Eric Banks discussed the **Leighty Minor Subdivision plan** as prepared by Andrew Ebersole of Keller Engineers. The site is located near Dunnings Highway in Blair Township. This is a non-build plan with the purpose of separating the Leighty land into two parcels, both of which are in compliance with Clean and Green regulations. A Non-build Declaration is included. A waiver to Section 350-22 plan scale is requested. Solicitor Fanelli suggested that approval of the plan be contingent on Mr. Leighty providing a written request that the formerly approved plan, the Leighty / Olechoviski Lot Line Relocation, be withdrawn.

A motion to approve the Non-Build Declaration was made by Supervisor Germaux. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to **approve the Non-Build Declaration** passed with two yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the waiver to Section 350-22, plan scale. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The **waiver to Section 350-22 passed** with two yes votes.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to conditionally approve the Leighty Minor Subdivision plan contingent on receiving a signed request to withdraw the Leighty / Olechoviski Lot Line Relocation plan. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion to **conditionally approve the Leighty Minor Subdivision plan** passed with two yes votes.

Update: **Wilbur and Evelyn Henry Subdivision plan** as prepared by Charles M. Colony, P.L.S. Conditional approval was granted at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Financial Security in the amount of \$13,282.50 for the construction of a well on Parcel D is in place. The subdivision plan was signed by the owner, Mrs. Evelyn Henry. The Shared Well Maintenance Agreement

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for Parcels B & C remains outstanding. The Supervisors signature, and plan recording, is pending receipt of the Shared Well Maintenance Agreement. No action taken.

Update: **General Office HVAC** project pre-bid meeting was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Eric Banks reported that two HVAC contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and four prospective bidders picked up plans. All bids are to be received and opened on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with the **award** scheduled for the **September 13<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's Meeting**.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

**Harvest Glen Developer's Agreement.** No new information was given.

**Police Cruiser** – Not delivered to date. Sergeant Peacock noted that the vehicle is estimated to be received this week.

**ARPA Funds** – Second and final distribution not received to date.

Chairman Amigh called for other business.

Solicitor Fanelli indicated that he has reviewed the information provided in reference to the **Mountain Home Community Center**. Ownership of the property remains a question. No action was taken.

There being nothing additional to report. Supervisor Germaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with two yes votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betty Robertson

Secretary