

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Vice-Chairman Brad Germaux 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, who participated via telephone; Vice-Chairman Brad Germaux; Supervisor, Lou Lusk; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Police Chief, Roger White; Road Foreman, John Reed; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Kami Bilek; representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks; and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Esq.

Visitors: John Castle, developer, and Todd Beiswenger, Engineer, representing Mezzy Court subdivision; Kaitlyn Tomlinson of Hummingbird Daycare.

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 Lusk made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 Organization Meeting of January 3, 2023. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of January 3, 2023. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of September: Payroll \$35,428.16; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities \$93,145.19; Liquid Fuels \$1,923.50; Capital Reserve \$12,885.72; Local Services Tax, \$2,619.64; ARPA Transfer, \$23,210.00; Stormwater Management Fund \$22,499.74; 2012 Act 32 Acct. (transfer to SW) \$23,000.00; Fire Ins. Escrow Acct. (well) \$13,282.50.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to approve the total January disbursements in the amount of \$227,994.45. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to approve the Corrected Treasury Balance for December 2022 of \$1,741,290.86. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for January 2023 of \$1,683,711.44. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the “Specific Service Investment Account Funds” Treasury Balance for January 2023 of \$121,095.42. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux invited public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

The **Mezzy Court Subdivision Plan** as prepared by Todd Beiswenger on behalf of John Castle was discussed. Todd Beiswenger and John Castle were in attendance. Eric Banks reported that the stormwater plan still needs to be addressed. Todd Beiswenger stated that he feels the Township is making general assumptions that are holding the project up, regarding the projected plan, and they are unsure what will be built and when. Eric stated that the Township would like to review the plan in more detail before meeting with the developer to further discuss. A 95-Day extension was requested by the developer.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **grant the 95-Day extension request**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to table the **Mezzy Court Subdivision plan** pending discussion with Eric. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to **table the Mezzy Court Subdivision plan** passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end 5/22/2023.

**O’Reilly Auto Parts Store Request for Financial Security Release**; Eric banks reported that the developer has addressed the comments in the Stiffler McGraw letter of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. He recommends release of the Financial Security conditional upon the recorded plan being submitted to the Township and payment of any associated fees.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **conditionally approve the Release of Funds held in Escrow**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A request was made for Kami Bilek to join **PAN (PA Association of Notaries)**. PAN will assist with education and the process for Kami to achieve **PA Notary Public** status. The cost of the program is \$435.50.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **approve the request to join PAN**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The **General Office HVAC System** is complete. Invoices were submitted to the township for payment for the balance due less retainage. The total amounts due to Klesius & Sheedy for payments number two and number three is \$46,838.70. The payment due to PBCI-Allen Mechanical & Electrical is \$7,560.00.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **approve payment to Klesius & Sheedy in the amount of \$23,501.70**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **approve payment to Klesius & Sheedy in the amount of \$23,337.00**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **approve payment to PBCI-Allen Mechanical & Electrical in the amount of \$7,560.00**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**COSTARS DGS Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride** (Road Salt) enrollment deadline is March 15, 2023. Road Master, John Reed, recommends the required minimum of 150 Tons for the August 2023-July 2024 Season.

Supervisor Lusk made a **motion to participate in the COSTARS Salt Contract Participation Agreement**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Reid Variance Request** – Solicitor Fanelli reported that he is satisfied with the final draft of the Variance Request, and recommends approval.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **Approve the Reid Variance Request**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Eric Banks reported on the **Gaysport/Penn Farms H2O PA Program Grant**, stating that the grant application has been denied, as the DCED did not agree with Senator Ward's office that the proposed project between Blair Township and Hollidaysburg Borough are connected. Eric reported that Hollidaysburg Borough will be resubmitting the application for the borough alone. No action is required on this agenda item.

Eric stated that the DCED recommended two additional available grants. The first grant is a Flood Mitigation Grant. The second is a Watershed Restoration Grant. Eric suggested the township apply for both grants to assist with the proposed stormwater project.

Supervisor Lusk made a motion for Eric Banks **to move forward with gathering information related to the two proposed grant applications**. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A review of **ARPA Expenditures to date** was provided as follows:

PD HVAC Replacement in the amount of \$12,611.00; Premium Pay Allocation in the amount of \$23,683.00; Fuel Reimbursement for 2022 in the amount of \$31,778.24; Donations in the amount of \$23,210.00; and General Office HVAC in the amount of \$59,123.70. The amounts of ARPA Funds that have been committed, but not expended are Stormwater Grant Match in the

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amount of \$234,459.00; Retainer for HVAC improvements in the amount of \$6,569.30, and the PD renovations to vacated office in the amount of \$50,000.00. There is a remaining, uncommitted balance of \$28,966.00, which will need to be spent by the end of 2024.

Informational Item presented was the architectural drawing for the PD renovations. There were two proposed drawings submitted following Chief White meeting with the architect. Eric Banks will provide the Township with the estimated cost of the project. No action is required as this is an informational item.

With no other business, Supervisor Lusk made a motion to **adjourn the monthly meeting**. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betty Robertson

Secretary