

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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023

Chairman Paul Amigh II called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Township elected officials and personnel included Chairman Paul Amigh, II; Vice-President Brad Germaux; Supervisor, Lou Lusk; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Robertson; Police Chief, Roger White; Road Foreman, John Reed; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Kami Bilek; and representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks, and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Esq.

Visitors: John Castle, representing Mezzy Court.

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 Germaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of March 21, 2023. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of March: Payroll \$52,363.75; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities \$68,267.24; Liquid Fuels \$6,460.54; Capital Reserve \$2,780.95; Local Services Tax, \$1,844.00.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the total March disbursements in the amount of \$131,716.48. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for March 2023 of \$1,838,579.34. Supervisor Lusk 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 March 2023 of \$119,032.05. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Amigh 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. John Castle was present. Eric Banks stated that previous comments from the review letter dated March 10 have been addressed. There are still a few minor stormwater items that need addressed. John Castle addressed the board and questioned the financial security requirements. He stated that he is unsure how financial security can fall on him as the subdivider when there are no plans in place, the lots may not be built on for years to come, and there is no impervious area, as there are no plans for a road or driveways. He asked that the board consider waiving the financial security for the stormwater and passing the cost along to the homeowner when building plans are submitted. He stated that the Township could require financial security prior to a building permit being issued. Following a lengthy discussion, Chairman Amigh stated that the Stormwater Ordinance requires financial security and the Supervisors would not be in favor of a waiver of financial security, reiterating that the developer should pass the cost on to the purchaser at the time of sale.

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Supervisor Germaux made a motion to table the **Mezzy Court Subdivision plan**. 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.

The **Green Bean Coffee House and Headquarters** as prepared by Adam Long of Keller Engineering. The Land Development re-submission has not been received to date. Based on the Blair Township Planning Commission's recommendation, Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **table the Green Bean Coffee House and Headquarters Land Development plan**. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The municipal review period will end on June 17, 2023.

The **Martin/Mountain Home Community Center Lot Line Relocation and Merge** plan as prepared by Jay Ebersole of Keller Engineers. Eric received the Blair County Planning Commission's review. He also reported that most of the comments from the Stiffler McGraw review letter dated March 21, 2023 have been addressed. A waiver of Section 350-22.A (2), requiring deed book and page for conveyed property, has been requested. Solicitor Fanelli stated that if a waiver is granted, and in lieu of deed references, a note should be added to the plan addressing how the land is claimed and how the rights to the land had been acquired. Solicitor Fanelli indicated that a handwritten note, or a note printed on a label would be sufficient, and that a new plan need not be submitted.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the **waiver of Section 350-22.A (2)** contingent upon a note being added to the current plan. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes. Chairman Amigh abstained, citing conflict of interest. Solicitor Fanelli will provide the verbiage for the developer's engineer to be placed on the plan prior to recording.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve Martin/Mountain Home Community Center Lot Line Relocation and Merge** plan, contingent on the Solicitor's recommendation. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes. Chairman Amigh abstained, citing conflict of interest.

Two bids were received for the **2023 Liquid Fuels Road Paving Project**. Bid proposals were opened with Supervisors, Township Engineer, and Township Solicitor present. Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. presented a bid of **\$75,083.70**. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. presented a bid of **\$80,072.40**. After Solicitor's review of the required documents, the Contract was awarded to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. Supervisor Lusk requested verification that the same materials were being used in both bids, and it was determined that both bids followed the specifications provided to them, and the material is the same.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve awarding the 2023 Road Paving Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. in the amount of \$75,083.70**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a **motion to approve solicitation of Bids for the 2023 Line Painting Project**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Highway Department is requesting approval to advertise Solicitation of **Stone Bids** for the 2023/2024 season. The bids will include Type 2 Anti-Skid (400 T), 2A Sub Base (600 T), Aashto #1 (100 T). Bids will be due by 5/9/23.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve advertising for Stone Bids**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is requesting permission to place signage for the **911 Memorial Trail** along the current route of the 911 Memorial Trail in Blair Township. The Alliance will provide and install the signs.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve placement of the 911 Memorial Trail signage** in Blair Township. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Pursuant to Blair County Resolution no. 50-02, **Polling Place Agreements** must be approved between the County of Blair and the Polling Place property owners prior to election day. Blair County Commissioners submitted their portion of the signed agreement and asked that Blair Township Supervisors review and approve the agreement.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve signing the Polling Place Agreement**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2023-04 Requesting a Flood Mitigation Program grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for **Brentwood Flood Mitigation**. Grant paperwork will be submitted by Stiffler-McGraw.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2023-04**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Under Informational Items, Klesius & Sheedy completed the installation of the replacement thermostat in the entrance hall. The remainder of the retainer in the amount of **\$5,729.30** will be distributed.

Eric Banks updated the Board on the progress of Grant Funding **Brentwood Stormwater Improvement**/flood mitigation program. Eric reported that everything is going as scheduled.

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

The meeting was adjourned to executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal issue at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betty Robertson

Secretary