

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
AGENDA-MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
& 2024 BUDGET MEETING
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

FLAG SALUTE

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Paul R. Amigh, II: _____
Bradley C. Germaux: _____
Louis J. Lusk: _____

OTHER OFFICIALS:

SECRETARY/TREASURER: K. Bilek _____
POLICE DEPT. Represented By: Chief R. Peacock _____
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: J. Reed _____
ENGINEERING Represented By: Eric Banks, Stiffler McGraw & Associates _____
SOLICITOR: Patrick Fanelli, Esq. _____

Announcement: An **Executive Session** to discuss a personnel issue will be held following the adjournment of this evening's meeting.

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

All cell phones are to be silenced during the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE **MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of October 10, 2023.

Additions or Corrections: _____

MOTION ON THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED OR CORRECTED:

MOTION: _____ SECONDED: _____ VOTE: _____

Payroll for the month of October	\$ 33,290.66
Disbursements & Payroll Liabilities for the month of October	\$ 198,980.19
Liquid Fuels	\$ 17,558.26
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00
Local Services Tax	\$ 11,504.36
 GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	 \$ 261,333.47

MOTION: _____ SECONDED: _____ VOTE: _____

TREASURY: END OF OCTOBER TOTAL (ALL FUNDS) \$ 1,728,578.56

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

TREASURY: END OF OCTOBER

SPECIFIC SERVICE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FUND \$ 148,227.39

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Any person wishing to address the Board of Supervisors on general Township issues may do so at this time. Additionally, prior to votes being taken on items shown on the agenda, public comment may also be offered following discussion by the Board of Supervisors. Public comment may be limited to five (5) minutes per Township resident or other individuals in attendance. Those wishing to comment on specific items listed on the agenda are asked to defer their comments until those items are reached and discussed. For the record, it is requested each speaker stand, if able, and clearly state his/her name.

01. **Tracy Hostler** Discussion – Rodent infestation at Townhouse.

02. **Resolution No. 2023-09 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Submission.** Eric Banks has submitted Resolution 2023-09 to authorize Stiffler McGraw to prepare and submit the SLSA Grant for the Highway Department Skid Steer.

Action on **Resolution No. 2023-09:**

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

03. **Resolution No. 2023-10 – Mountain Home Community Park** project. The deed has been prepared by Solicitor Fanelli and signed by Dodie Amigh. The deed will be available to record at the Blair County Courthouse once a Statement of Value has been prepared by Solicitor Fanelli. Eric Banks has submitted Resolution No. 2023-10 to authorize Stiffler McGraw to prepare and submit an SLSA Grant.

Action on **Resolution No. 2023-10:**

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

04. **Hollidaysburg Family Dental Land Development** plan as prepared by the Eads Group. The project is located along N. Juniata Street. There are discrepancies reported between the approved initial plan and the completed project. The developer has contacted Eric Banks at Stiffler McGraw to discuss remediation of the discrepancies. The current municipal review period will end on February 9, 2024.

Action on **Hollidaysburg Family Dental**:

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

05. **European Motor Cars** land development plan as prepared by Jeff Gunnet of Gunnet Engineers. The proposed project is located on Chimney Rocks Road. The Blair Planning Commission has found the proposal to be consistent with countywide planning efforts. The developer has requested a ninety-five (95) day extension to the review period.

Action on **European Motor Cars Request for Extension**:

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

Action on **European Motor Cars Land Development** plan:

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

06. Approval for **BTPD promotion for Patrolman Fleck from Patrol Officer 2 to Patrol Officer 3**, effective December 2, 2024. According to the current bargaining agreement, when moving from Patrol Officer 2 to Patrol Officer 3, the officer should receive the starting wage for the position, or a wage increase of 10%, whichever is greater.

Action on **BTPD Promotion for Patrolman Fleck**:

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

07. **Combined Insurance Company of America** representatives met with staff on November 2, 2023, to discuss voluntary critical illness and accident insurance, and voluntary life insurance plans. The proposed insurance will be available for all interested employees. The new policy is expected to begin on January 1, 2024.

Action on **approval to sign agreement with Combined Insurance Company of America** for critical illness, accident, and voluntary life insurance:

MOTION: _____SECONDED: _____VOTE: _____

08. **Renewal of UPMC Health Insurance 2024**. Knepper Insurance presented the 2024 Health Insurance & Hospitalization rates to employees on Thursday, November 9. There are three plans that offer the same basic coverage as the existing Health Insurance plan. All three plans fall in line with the BTPD Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Dental and Vision plans have not changed for 2024 and have a decrease in cost of 2.86% each.

Action on **2024 Health Insurance & Hospitalization Plan:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

Action on **2024 Dental & Vision Plan:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

09. 2024 Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Davevic Benefit Consultants.

Action on **Davevic HRA:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

10. COMCAST Cable/Internet Proposal.

Action on **COMCAST Cable/Internet Proposal:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

11. Bettwy Alarm Monitoring Proposal.

Action on **Bettwy Alarm Monitoring Proposal:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

12. Verizon Wireless phone upgrade.

Action on **Verizon Wireless phone plan and upgrades:**

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

13. Discussion: 2024 Draft Budget Preparation

Motion to Advertise for Public Inspection:

MOTION: ____ **SECONDED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____

14. BTPD Speed Monitoring Signs. Chief Peacock obtained quotes on the purchase of two speed monitoring signs to place along roads within the Township that have issues with speeding. The signs are moveable to be utilized in various locations throughout the Township, where needed.

Action on **Purchase of Two (2) Speed Monitoring Signs:**

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____ **VOTE:** _____

Informational Items:

(1) **Pleasantview Holding Ponds**

(2) **Police Department Vehicle.** Vehicle is ready for delivery once paperwork is signed and payment is submitted.

(3) **Brooks Boulevard Traffic Study**

(4) **Solar Ordinance**

(5) **Verizon Phones** – The BTPD is able to use 3CX to take and receive phone calls. Possibility of dropping coverage through Verizon Wireless and paying a reimbursement for personal phone use.

Other Business:

Adjournment:

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____ **VOTE:** _____

The meeting adjourned to executive session at: _____ p.m.
