

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2024**

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; Supervisor Lou Lusk; Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek; Police Chief Roger Peacock; Road Foreman John Reed; representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks; Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Esq.; and Appointed Auditor, Jacob Wible. Visitors Paul Quevy and Dodie Amigh were also present.

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

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of May 14, 2024** with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of May: Payroll \$30,711.98; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities \$68,751.68; Liquid Fuels \$798.55 Capital Reserve \$8,762.07 Local Services Tax, \$3,652.39.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the total May disbursements in the amount of \$112,586.67**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the Treasury Balance for May 2024 of \$2,068,230.02**. 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 May 2024 of \$168,710.06**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Chairman Amigh invited public comment** and there was none.

Cassandra Schmick from Logan Township has submitted to the Township a signature page to update the **Joint Article of Agreement for the Blair Region Code Administrative Committee**, of which Blair Township is a member, to add Frankstown Township to the Committee. Also included is Blair Township **Resolution No. 2024-05**, approving Frankstown Township to join the Committee. Chairman Amigh asked if there were any questions or discussions on the matter, and there were none.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve a signature of the Joint Article of Agreement**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2024-05**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Paul and Shelly Quevy of 1020 Pennington Drive Duncansville have submitted a Variance Agreement for the purpose of building an in-ground swimming pool and concrete patio surround. Solicitor Fanelli was provided with a copy of the Variance Agreement for review. Solicitor Fanelli stated that the Variance Agreement is in line with the requirements of the Township and recommended approval.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the Quevy Variance Agreement**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Blair Township participates in the **Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement** with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The PA D.O.T. submitted a list of the State roads to be serviced under the agreement for the 2024-2025 year. The only road listed under the agreement is Newry Lane. Road Foreman John Reed stated that the Blair Township Road Crew plows Newry Lane from the Hollidaysburg Borough line to Lawrence Drive. The payment to the Township during the contract period will be \$2,668.61, which is a 2% increase from last year.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve participation in the 2024-2025 Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The **Blair Township Solar Ordinance** was discussed. Solicitor Fanelli stated that there are two areas in the ordinance that need a determination. The first is a permit fee, which can be changed from time to time, as needed, by vote. The second is Section 8, setback distance from property lines. After discussion, the setback distance from the property line was set at fifty (50) feet, and the permitting fee is set at \$250 plus applicable fees or costs incurred by the Township to be passed along to the property owner or developer.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **determine a setback area of no less than fifty (50) feet from the property line**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **set the permit fee at \$250 plus fees or costs**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **adopt the Solar Ordinance as presented**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Under informational items, Engineer Eric Banks reported that the Brentwood Flood Mitigation Grant has been submitted. He stated that the Township should reach out to local government representatives in a month to follow up. The Green Bean Coffee House project was also discussed. The owners of the proposed coffee shop had spoken with the PMCA to discuss the permit process. During that discussion, the owners stated that they are unsure whether or not they are going to proceed with the project at this time, due to commitments with other projects and business locations. The project has been conditionally approved by the Board of Supervisors, so the developers have the option to meet the conditions of the approval and allow the project to be placed on hold until the expiration date of the project, or to submit a request a withdrawal of the plan. No formal action was taken at this time.

Under other business, Road Foreman John Reed stated that he spoke with PSATS regarding the blinking light on Route 36 and Catfish Road. John stated that Penn DOT will need to do the traffic study. John stated that he believes that there is still a need for a blinking light due to the potential for accidents at that intersection.

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Chief Roger Peacock stated that the new Police Cruiser that had been ordered is ready to be picked up. He stated that the COSTARS distribution is approximately \$5,000 less than it was last year so the cost to the Township is higher. He also stated that the trade-in offer for the old cruiser is \$4,500. He is unsure if posting it for sale on the Municibid website would result in a higher offer, after reviewing the police vehicles that are currently on the website. The high mileage would likely result in lower bids. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the trade-in value of the police cruiser. Delivery of the new cruiser is expected in the next week or two.

Chief Peacock reported that the new police portable radios have been received. The car radios have not been installed yet. The equipment was provided by a County-wide grant.

Secretary/Treasurer, Kami Bilek asked Solicitor Fanelli and Engineer Eric Banks to clarify the Variance for sheds and accessory structures. Both Solicitor Fanelli and Engineer Banks confirmed that all accessory structures require a Variance Agreement if they are situated within the setback areas, even if moveable, if the structure is not on wheels.

Auditor Jacob Wible asked for clarification on the Nuisance Ordinance, specifically as it relates to loud noises. Chief Peacock stated that the Ordinance specifies that anything that disrupts the comfort of any of your senses can be considered a nuisance and stated that if a complaint is made, the officers attempt to come to a reasonable conclusion that will appease both parties.

Chief Peacock stated that the new hire, Bryce Martellacci, will graduate from the Police Academy program on Friday, and will be officially hired at the Township as an officer once he qualifies and completes his testing, and the State submits the applicable paperwork.

Chairman Amigh called for other business, and there being none, Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **adjourn the meeting of June 11, 2024**. Supervisor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kami Bilek

Secretary