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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2025

Chairman Paul Amigh 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, Supervisor, Brad Germaux; Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek; Police Chief Roger Peacock; representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks; and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Esq. Supervisor, Lou Lusk and Road Foreman, John Reed were absent.

Visitors present were Township residents Dodie Amigh, Ralph Galbraith, Renee Wineland, Matt Manna, Rebecca Manna, and Blair Township Auditor Jacob Wible. Non-residents in attendance were Bonita Shreve and Dennis Shreve, representing the Blair County Second Amendment Coalition.

Chairman Amigh stated that public comment is welcome and invited in accordance with Township policy and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Right to Know provisions and Sunshine Act. Chairman Amigh asked that all cell phones be silenced during the meeting.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **ratify the Monthly Business Meeting of July 29, 2025.** Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of July 29, 2025, with no additions or corrections. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with two (2) yes votes.

Disbursements for the month of July: Payroll \$36,406.41; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities \$70,876.20; Capital Reserve \$1,898.34, and Local Services Tax Account, \$58,678.48, which was for the police cruiser.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the total July disbursements in the amount of \$167,859.43.** Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the Treasury Balance for July 2025 of \$2,145,741.92. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the "Specific Service Investment Account Funds" Treasury Balance for July 2025 of \$248,997.37. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the **FNB Credit Card Statement for the month of July** in the amount of \$240.30, and the **Wex Bank Sunoco Fleet** gas card in the amount of \$2,102.60. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

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Chairman Amigh opened public comment at this time and announced that anyone 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 three (3) minutes per Township resident. 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.

Blair Township resident, Ralph Galbraith of Brooks Boulevard addressed the Board of Supervisors, noting that he had positive comments to relay. He stated that the Brooks Mills play park looks beautiful and the neighboring properties are well maintained at this time. He stated that one property in particular that has had previous concerns about is also acceptable at this time but notes that he will be ever vigilant, as he believes it is a matter of time before it declines again. Mr. Galbraith relayed one incident on Brooks Boulevard where a police pursuit took place and thirty minutes later what he described as a jalopy from a neighboring property joined the chase jumping the railroad tracks, entering in the air, and creating sparks from the impact on the road two separate times. Mr. Galbraith stated that living in Brooks Mills puts them in a unique spot, and remembered when one could sit between the railroad tracks on a wide green berm and watch butterflies. He stated that he remembers when the community made a deal with the Roaring Spring School District to purchase the school that stood on the property where the park is located today. He stated that he covered an open water well with a metal stair tread in order to prevent injury and open the community to litigation, using a clever television show, "Lassie" analogy of "Timmy falling in the well" to describe the potential dangers of a young person falling into the well and the collective community owners being sued by the parents for negligence. Mr. Galbraith once again thanked the Chairman of the Board for the good work the Township is doing in the Brooks Mills area.

Bonita Shreve, President of the Blair County Second Amendment Coalition spoke on behalf of the citizens of Blair Township. Ms. Shreve thanked the Board of Supervisors for tabling the Ordinance at the July 29 meeting and for their diligence in protecting the rights of the citizens of Blair Township. Resident Renee Wineland also addressed the Board of Supervisors, thanking them for listening to the community and stating that as a community it is important for us to come together and work toward a common goal.

Chairman Amigh addressed the room clarifying the decision to table the ordinance rather than vote it down.

Matt Mannon asked if the Board of Supervisors would un-table it and then vote it down, and Chairman Amigh stated that they will not do that. Mr. Mannon also cited Title 34 – PA State Game Commission law, and Chairman Amigh reminded him that only the State Game Commission can enforce game commission law.

Chairman Amigh called for additional public comment and there was none.

Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek reported that a variance request was submitted to the Township for a property located at 1110 Newry Lane. The homeowners, Nicholas and Devynn Tartalone, are requesting a variance of 9 feet five inches (9' 5") to construct an addition to the rear of the property within five feet five inches (5' 5") of the property line. The existing structure is currently within the setback area but was constructed prior to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

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Solicitor Fanelli confirmed that he has reviewed the Variance Agreement and finds no exceptions to the agreement as presented.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the Tartalone Variance Agreement.** Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek reported that a variance request was submitted to the Township for a property located at 1206 Robin Lane. The homeowners, Scott and Lauren Trimarco, are requesting a variance of ten (10) feet to construct a garage within five (5) feet of the property line. The Trimarcos also own the side abutting property and wish to complete a variance agreement with themselves. Solicitor Fanelli stated that he has completed a preliminary review of the variance and believes there are one or two small changes that need to be made prior to submitting it to be recorded.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **conditionally approve the Trimarco Variance Agreement with revisions based on the Solicitor's comments.** Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Eric Banks reported that he met with the Blair Township Planning Commission at their regular monthly meeting and presented the preliminary Stormwater Management Flow Chart. He reported that, after discussion and clarification, the BTPC had no additional comments and collectively reported that they were in favor of using option number two, the chart with additional wording about submitting infiltration pit calculations with permitting.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to approve the Stormwater Management Flow Chart using option number 2. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek reported that Chief Roger Peacock submitted a quote that he received from Aerial Communications for the 2026 Software Management Agreement for the Police Department police cars. Aerial Communications has managed the electronic equipment in the police cars for the past several years. Chief Peacock reported that they have done a good job, and he is happy with them. The cost for the annual agreement for all vehicles is \$2,000.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the 2026 Software Management Agreement with Aerial Communications. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Under informational items, Chief Peacock reported that the new police cruiser has been delivered. Chief Peacock also reported that he is looking into purchasing new body cameras and dash cameras in the future, as the cameras have neared the end of their lifespan. The contract with the service company for the cameras ends at the end of this year. He also reported that he is working on purchasing new service weapons into the budget for the end of 2025 or 2026. He is unsure if he will offer the officers the option to purchase their service weapons. No new information was reported on the DCNR parks grant.

With no further business, Chairman Amigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Germaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 12, 2025. Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by

Kami Bilek Secretary