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

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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; Supervisor Jacob Wible; Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek; Police Chief Roger Peacock; Road Foreman, John Reed; representing Stiffler McGraw, Eric Banks; and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Esq.

Visitors present were Blair Township Residents, Ralph Galbraith, Dodie Amigh, Alex and Nicole Smith, Howard Bernstein, Matt and Rebecca Manna, Joel Harker, Dorothy Cavalet, Patti Cavalet, Harold Burket, Van Lanzendorfer, and Lynn Moyer.

Chairman Amigh announced that although it was advertised in the Agenda, there will not be an executive session prior to the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting.

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 **approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of 2026** with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of January 5, 2026** with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disbursements for the month of January; Payroll **$38,505.90**; General Fund disbursements and payroll liabilities **$65,751.96**; Liquid Fuels **$6,022.68;** Capital Reserve **$50.00**; and Local Services Tax Account, **$2,120.15**;

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the total January disbursements in the amount of $112,450.69.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the Treasury Balance for January 2026 of $1,995,648.67**. Supervisor Wible 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 2026 of $215,732.56.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the **FNB Visa Credit Card Statement for the month of January** in the amount of **$1,598.15**, the **Sam's Club Credit Card** in the amount of **$61.98**, and the **Wex**

Bank Sunoco Fleet gas card in the amount of **$1,912.60**. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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, also known as "Ever", noted that he enjoyed the Conference Room renovation, saying that the light has a glow that expands the space. He particularly enjoys the parallel lines of the accent wall, and the parallel lines of the accent decorations. Mr. Galbriath shared his love of gardening and the projects that he had completed within Blair Township. He provided a copy of a book that was created of a project he completed on Summit Drive, along with two magazines that hold articles of interest to Mr. Galbraith, to hold at the Municipal Office for anyone who is interested in looking at them.

Howard Bernstein of Gray Lane addressed the Board of Supervisor to once again discuss his dissatisfaction with Comcast as a service provider and his expectation that as the Franchise Holder, Blair Township should be able to hold Comcast accountable for its shortcomings. He had previously complained about an invisible dog fence that had been destroyed by the installation of the underground lines. Chairman Amigh stated that he had spoken to Comcast about that incident, and Mr. Bernstein stated that he no longer needed resolution on that matter. His specific complaints at this time are their lack of response to his 811 Pennsylvania One-Call, the out-of-area advertisements that are not applicable to the coverage area due to IP address errors, and Comcast not solving issues or concerns that are reported after several months, therefore "defining the statute of limitations". Solicitor Fanelli explained that the Township cannot control how Comcast runs their business, as it is not specified in the franchise agreement. The Township cannot regulate their conduct, as it does not have the legal authority to do so. Mr. Bernstein stated that the Township "needs a better deal next time."

Resident Matt Manna of Reservoir Road addressed the Board of Supervisors at this time. He stated that he wrote an article and sent it out to his neighbors on Reservoir Road regarding the Sewer Expansion project. He stated he is opposed to the Sewer Expansion project. He stated that he believes that Blair Township has not been compliant with PA Act 537 regarding septic inspections, ignoring any violations they would have received from the Department of Environmental Protection. He feels that the sewer line is too much money and is not the type of decision for only three people to make. He suggests the people on Reservoir Road should be able to vote on the plan. He also proposes that Blair Township partition the Septic System between State and Township, understanding that some of the septic systems will fail and the homeowners will have to repair or replace them. He closed with asking that the Supervisors allow the people of Reservoir Road to vote on either partitioning for septic system management between State and Township and to make a commitment to become compliant with PA Act 537 or to proceed with the public sewer line project and let it be the residents' final decision. Mr. Manna stated that once the sewer line is put through, there will be developers that come into the area to buy up land and build developments, and it will turn into Frankstown Township and he argues that is not really their style. Solicitor Fanelli stated that there is no mechanism in the law that allows for a referendum on the ballot for a vote on this type of action. There are very limited reasons a referendum would be allowed. Chairman The cost of the sewer line plan was discussed and Mr. Manna argued that he believes it would be less expensive to install a new septic system than tie into the sewer system based on the monthly breakdown.

Chairman Amigh asked if Mr. Manna had attended the Water & Sewer Authority Board Meeting. Mr. Manna explained that he needed to do more research before calling attention to this at the Water & Sewer board. Chairman stated that Mr. Manna needs to bring his concerns to the Water & Sewer Authority meeting to discuss it in front of their Board of Directors. Chairman Amigh stated much of the confusion comes from the Water & Sewer Authority claiming that the Blair Township Supervisors are in control of the project. Solicitor Fanelli clarified that the Reservoir Road project is a project run solely by the Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority, but that it is based on an Act 537 plan that is adopted by the Blair Township Board of Supervisors. The Act 537 plan is adopted based on information the Board of Supervisors received from studies done along Reservoir Road that deemed public sewage necessary. Again he reiterated that it was not allowable to have a public vote on the sewer expansion project. Additional public discussion centered around the easements, and residents were told that the project engineers are in control of that and the Board of Supervisors can't do anything about it. The only thing the Supervisors have control over is who sits on the Water & Sewer Board of Directors, and they can only hope that the Board of Directors make good decisions once they are in place. Supervisor Wible was asked as a Water & Sewer Board member if he opposed the project, and he answered that he is willing to hear what the public has to say about it, and reserve judgment. Resident Nicole Smith stated that the Water & Sewer Authority continues to state that the Blair Township Supervisors are in charge. Ms. Smith asked Supervisor Wible if he is going to be at the next meeting, and if he will stand up for the residents of the Township and be truthful about who is actually in charge of this project. After additional discussion, with no headway, Mr. Manna stated that he will have Reservoir Road residents sign a petition. There was additional discussion on the fears the residents have of damages to their property regarding the actual installation of the lines. The Board of Supervisors stated that any damages incurred would be the responsibility of the contractors that install the lines and should be addressed to the Water & Sewer Authority, again reminding residents that the Blair Township Water & Sewer Authority is a separate entity apart from Blair Township Municipal government. Other residents stated that they feel as if they are being threatened by the Water & Sewer Authority and the engineers for the project by having their homes red-tagged if they are not compliant with signing easements. Chairman Amigh stated that he will call the Water & Sewer Manager, Tim McGaw and discuss their concerns with him.

Resident Lynn Moyer of Duncansville addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding his property located in Duncansville Borough. He referenced a news article that stated Blair County's proposal to purchase ground in Blair Township for the County Prison. He said that he already has concerns about water on his property and wanted to make sure that Blair Township has sufficient Stormwater Management plans in place to prevent additional issues. Chairman Amigh stated that he has no more information than the general public has, as the County Commissioners have not shared any information with Blair Township. Chairman Amigh said that Blair Township has a strict Stormwater Management Ordinance, and any new developments in the Township will be required to follow that Ordinance. Eric Banks stated that no plans have been submitted, but the developer must design the plan to hold runoff and reduce volume and peak rate of runoff to comply with our Ordinances.

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

Pennsylvania One-Call submitted a request for Blair Township to once again create a Resolution making April "Safe Digging Month" to create awareness for residents to call 8-1-1 before digging. The proposed resolution was provided to Supervisors prior to the meeting for their review. Supervisor Wible asked what the purpose of having a Resolution is, and the reply was that it simply makes people aware to call before they dig. Chairman Amigh called for a motion for Resolution No. 2026-05.

Supervisor Germaux **made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-05, making April "Safe Digging Month" in Blair Township.** Chairman Amigh seconded the motion. Supervisor Germaux and Chairman Amigh voted aye. Supervisor Wible voted nay. The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek reported that Kuharchik submitted a proposal for new surge protectors in two separate traffic signal boxes located at Plank Rd. & Innovation Drive, and Route 22 & Patchway Drive. The estimated cost for the repairs is $3,580.00.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the Proposal for the box repairs in the amount of $3,580.00.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Joel Harker Stormwater Management plan as prepared by PennDell Engineering was discussed. The project is located on Harker Farm Lane in Blair Township. The developer has requested an extension to the municipal review period. Eric Banks stated that all technical comments from the Stiffler McGraw review letter dated January 11, 2026 have been addressed and only administrative items remain outstanding. The outstanding items are the submission of financial security or bond, Chapter 102 Approval from the Blair County Conservation District, and Blair Township O&M Agreement signatures. He would recommend conditional approval; Therefore an extension would not be necessary.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **conditionally approve the Joel Harker Stormwater Management plan, provided all outstanding comments are addressed**. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Amigh announced that an opening as the Blair Township Emergency Management Coordinator is available, due to the resignation of the position by Supervisor Wible. He stated that the position would create a scheduling conflict, and at his PSATS Supervisors training, they indicated that there was a potential conflict of interest of a Supervisor holding a position as LEMC, and not best practice for a Supervisor to be in that position.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **amend the Agenda to include advertising for Emergency Management Coordinator**. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **advertise for Blair Township Emergency Management Coordinator.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Robert Claar Land Development plan was discussed. Eric Banks reported that no new information has been received. Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **table the Robert Claar Land Development plan.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2026-01, Amendment to Ordinance No. 325-36: Regulation of Discharges to the Sewer System was discussed. Two Ordinances were presented to the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor Fanelli for review. The first lists each pollutant by name and the local limit monthly average mass by pounds per day. The second shows the phrase, "As listed in the Hollidaysburg Borough Council's current Local Limit Ordinance" under the titles of Pollutant and Local Limit Monthly Average Mass. The second option would be to avoid an Ordinance change each time the Hollidaysburg Borough changes the local limits, based on their current Ordinance. Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek is requesting the Ordinance be approved for advertising in the Altoona Mirror, as required.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve the advertising of Ordinance No. 2026-01: Regulation of Discharges to the Sewer System.** Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-06: a resolution to approve Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service, Inc as the Blair Township Emergency Medical Service to continue covering the area established in the 2019 EMS Agreement was discussed. At this time, HALAS director, Jessica Sorge reported that the LEMC position within the township is vitally important. It requires someone with a good head on their shoulders, someone who uses discretion, and someone who can work with emergency services. At this time Jessica gave the January 2026 report. HALAS responded to 12 calls within the mapped coverage area in Blair Township, and 7 calls outside of the mapped coverage area, where no other coverage was available at the time. Chairman Amigh stated that he is very happy with the service that Blair Township receives from HALAS and looks forward to many more years of working with them.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2026-06 approving Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service, Inc.** as the Blair Township Emergency Medical Service to continue their existing coverage area. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Wible made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2026-07: Sewage Facilities Act Amendment,** amending the previous Resolution, No. 2025-06, and making a change to the Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project including only Contract areas #1 and #2. Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Germaux made a motion to approve the **COSTARS DGS Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt)** for the August 2026-July 2027 year. The years were incorrectly listed on the Agenda as 2025-2026. John Reed recommends no changes from the previous year. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

At the January 5, 2026 meeting, Supervisor Germaux requested that Dodie Amigh receive a stipend for her hard work in designing the Conference Room renovation. After discussion, it was decided that a stipend of $500 would be offered to Dodie. It was expressed that the amount wouldn't pay for one day of her services, but would be a small token of appreciation for all of her hard work.

Supervisor Wible made a motion to **approve a $500 stipend for Dodie Amigh.** Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. Chairman Amigh abstained, citing a conflict of interest. The motion passed with two yes votes.

The DCNR Parks Grants are opened for applications beginning January 13, 2026 through April 30, 2026. After discussion, it was determined that no action on the Parks Grant Application would be taken at this time. Stiffler McGraw would like to meet to discuss alternative plans so that the grant amount may be decreased making the chance of Blair Township receiving a lesser amount more likely. No formal action was taken.

Jeffery Boley provided a quote of $750 to Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek to replace the existing lights in the Conference Room with dimmable, recessed lights. Kami also requested permission to obtain quotes to have the front and rear offices, and hallway in the municipal building painted. The Conference Room came in under budget, and there is still available money from the ARPA grant that was used for the renovation project that was initially earmarked for the Police Department, then Conference Room.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **approve the Conference Room light quote in the amount of $750.** Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **approve obtaining a quote for painting in the front and rear offices and hallway of the Municipal Office.** Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A new repository bid was submitted to the Township Office for the properties located on Brooks Boulevard. The bids were lower than previous bids received by the Township. The total amount of the bids was $120.00.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **reject the repository bid of $120.00**. Supervisor Wible seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Blair County Board of Elections has submitted their Polling Place Agreement for 2026 and are requesting the Blair Township Municipal Office hold elections at this location. The 2026 election dates are Tuesday, May 19, 2026 for the Primary Election, and Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the General Election.

Chairman Amigh made a motion to **approve the 2026 Polling Place Agreement.** Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Wible submitted information for a proposed Ordinance for taxing Skills Games that are located within Blair Township. He stated this was something that came up at PSATS, and they are not really encouraging it, but it is something they are seeing Municipalities doing. Skills Games are not currently taxed by State and that Townships may be missing out on revenue by not setting taxes on the games. Supervisor Wible stated that rather than calling it a tax, it would be considered a license to operate a Skills Game, and each machine would need to be licensed each year. He stated that fees can range anywhere from $200 to $600 per machine, and the rates would be set by resolution annually. Each machine would have a sticker attached to show it had been licensed. Chairman Amigh asked Chief Peacock how many businesses have Skills Machines within the Township, and Chief Peacock estimated that there were at least ten businesses that he could think of, but he would have to look into it further. There was additional discussion on having the Blair Township Codes Officer do additional research. Supervisor Wible stated that he will send out additional information and possibly have a proposed Ordinance drafted for the Supervisors and Solicitor to review and comment on. No formal action was taken.

Additional discussion was had on changes to Permitting requirements within Blair Township. Discussion centered on possible zoning within the Township, relaxation to current permit requirements, changes to requirements based on neighborhoods. Chairman Amigh referenced a property at 289 Reservoir Road, which began as a manufactured dwelling on the property, and continued to build up the area with additional structures until it is likely the 5,00 SF of earth disturbance has been reached. He stated that by allowing residents to “piece mill” their property without strict guidelines, it can get out of hand. Chairman Amigh also referenced the Jackie Potter-Dodson property as a property that required a Stormwater plan but would have been overlooked if permit requirements were more lax. development and asked that Codes Enforcement follow up with both properties to make sure they are compliant with all requirements. Supervisor Germaux stated that he understands the need for permits but is in favor of simplifying the process to make it easier for everyone. Additional discussion is scheduled for next meeting. No formal action was taken.

Under Informational Items, Secretary/Treasurer Kami Bilek reported that Michael Snyder who has been maintaining our phone system has decided to step down and has suggested that Berry Solutions take over the daily operations of the phone systems. Berry Solutions will update with any cost increases, if applicable.

Chairman Amigh asked for an update on the Timber Harvesting at 522 Reservoir Road. No new information was provided.

Under other Business, Supervisor Wible asked if CISA had been contacted, and it was reported that they would be contacted after the new IT company, Berry Solutions, finished their diagnostic review.

With no further business, Chairman Amigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Germaux made a motion to **adjourn the meeting of February 10, 2026.** Supervisor Germaux seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kami Bilek
Secretary