

ANTIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
909 NORTH SECOND STREET
BELLWOOD, PA 16617

JANUARY 3, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymond Amato
Robert Smith
Charlie Taylor
Kenneth Hostler
C.J. Caracciolo

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident
Bob Himes, Resident
Todd Beiswenger, Young Engineering
Steve Shiffler, Road Foreman
Ginger Patterson, Manager's Secretary
Adeena Harbst, Daily Herald
Ron Repak, Andrews & Beard
Chris Dutrow, Stiffler & McGraw & Associates
Lori Del Biondo, Twp. Secretary-Treasurer
Lucas Martsolf, Township Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Raymond Amato, followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Repak, Solicitor was appointed temporary Chairman to hear nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Ray Amato was nominated on the motion of Bob Smith. Being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Amato was appointed Chairman on a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Amato abstaining.

Mr. Amato assumed the Chairmanship and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. C.J. Caracciolo motioned to nominate Bob Smith seconded by Ken Hostler. With no other nominations, Mr. Smith was appointed Vice Chairman by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Smith abstaining.

Lori Del Biondo was appointed Secretary/Treasurer on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Ken Hostler, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The Treasurer's bond was established at \$750,000, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

The firm of Andrews and Beard, with Attorney Patrick Fanelli as the designated Solicitor, was appointed on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The Stiffler, McGraw and Associates Engineering Services Agreement was approved with Chris Dutrow specifically named as the Township Consulting Engineer on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by Charlie Taylor, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Joe Snyder was appointed to the vacant elected auditor seat on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Resolution #1-2012, a Resolution appointing the Accounting Firm of Fiore, Fedeli, Snyder and Carothers, LLP, to perform the annual audit for the year ending 2010 at an agreed fee, not to exceed \$5000, was enacted on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 aye vote. A copy of said Resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mary Ann Bennis was appointed as the Real Estate Transfer Tax Collector on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote. The commission to be received by Antis Township is ½ of 1% of the deed transfers.

Ray Nycum was appointed as the Vacancy Board Member Chairman, on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The meeting dates and times for the Board of Supervisor's monthly meetings were established as the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Charlie Taylor, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Ray Amato was appointed as the Voting Delegate to the 2012 PSATS Convention in Hershey, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Amato abstaining.

Susan Kensinger was appointed to be the Township's delegate at the 2012 Tax Collector's Convention, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Charlie Taylor followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Norm Saylor and Tom DelMastro were reappointed to the Antis Township Planning Commission for a four-year term, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Charlie Taylor, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

C.J. Caracciolo was reappointed to serve a five year term on the inactive Antis Township Sewer Authority on the motion of Bob Smith seconded by Charlie Taylor, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Leo Matuszewski was reappointed to the Northern Blair Regional Sewer Authority for a five year term on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Ken Hostler and Lucas Martsolf were appointed to serve on the Blair Regional Code Administrative Committee beginning July 2, 2012 through July 1, 2013, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Robert Smith was reappointed to serve on the Blair County Sanitary Administrative Committee for 2012, on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Smith abstaining.

Charlie Taylor was reappointed to serve on the 24-Member Government Advisory Committee to the Blair County Planning Commission for 2012, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 4-0 aye vote, with Mr. Taylor abstaining.

Charlie Taylor was reappointed to serve on the Agricultural Security Area Committee on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Ken Hostler followed by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Taylor abstaining.

Kenneth Hostler was reappointed to serve on the Bellwood-Antis Public Library Board for 2011, on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Hostler abstaining.

Ray Amato was reappointed to serve as board member on the Antis Township Safety Committee on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 4-0 aye vote with Mr. Amato abstaining.

The 2012 Antis Township Wage Scale and mileage reimbursement rate of .555 a mile was approved on the motion of Ken Hostler, seconded by Bob Smith followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Reorganization being complete, the regular business meeting began with a public comment period.

Todd Beiswenger, Young Engineers, commented that the *Shared Use and Maintenance Agreement* pertaining to the Jeff Long minor sub division on Bells Lane has been prepared and it is acceptable to Patrick Fanelli, as long as it is acceptable to the Board that Mr. Long only maintain the frontage in front of the two involved parcels. The Board agreed with the Manger's recommendation that the issue be taken back to the planning commission for clarification and review.

Mr. Cmar, resident on North Second Street, requested that the \$28,396 in fire insurance money being held in escrow be released upon a satisfactory site inspection by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and MDIA. The Board gave conditional approval for release of the funds on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The December 8, 2011 Board of Supervisor Meeting minutes were approved on the motion of C.J. Caracciolo, seconded by Charlie Taylor followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Supervisor's Reports

1. Ray Amato
 - ◆ Safety Committee Minutes of December of 2011.
2. Bob Smith
 - ◆ Mr. Smith gave a report on Northern Blair Sewer Authority and announced that approval was given to increase the sewer rates. The rate increase is to help fund operating expenses, debt service and a significant repair project that will be coming in the Tipton area.
3. C.J. Caracciolo
 - ◆ Mr. Caracciolo reported he attended the Tax Collection Committee meeting.
4. Ken Hostler
 - ◆ Mr. Hostler commented on a report on libraries that he made available to the board members and further commented on how extensively the Bellwood-Antis Library is used.

Solicitor's Report

Authorization was given to the solicitor to advertise the Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance #1-2012 in preparation of adoption on the motion of Ken Hostler seconded by Bob Smith followed by a 4-1 aye vote with Charlie Taylor voting no.

Authorization was given to the solicitor to begin proceedings to vacate property on Campbell Lane near East Sixth Street, and return the property to the adjoining property owner. Mr. Smith moved to authorize the solicitor to begin proceedings to vacate the property and to contact Mrs. Sergeant and ask that she consider sharing the cost. The motion was seconded by Charlie Taylor followed by a 4-1 aye vote with Ken Hostler voting no.

Manager's Report

The Manager reported that due to lack of applicants we will not be hiring a seasonal employee. The workflow was reviewed with the Road Foreman to ensure we can compensate for the loss of manpower.

The Manager reported that a site visit on Campbell Lane, near Roots Crossing, has been scheduled with Andy Gonsman and Jim Eckenrode of the Conservation District on January 5, 2012.

The Manager also reported that we are planning to establish a Capital Improvements Program to include appointing board members to the committee and creating bylaws.

The manager reported that he is working with Attorney Fanelli to determine if an ordinance can be formed to address the Marcellus Shale issue. He further reported, we are extremely limited in what we can do due to the lack of zoning in the Township.

Mr. Taylor responded that perhaps we could appeal to the PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) to determine if state laws could be changed to facilitate more regulation at the local level to address the Marcellus Shale issue.

Engineer's Report

Based on a recommendation of the Township Engineer, approval was given for Balfurd's revised land development plans on the motion of Charlie Taylor, seconded by Bob Smith followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer, approval was given to approve a reduction of the financial security posted for the Balfurd's Land Development to \$1,908.50 on the motion of Charlie Taylor, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

Note was made of the Antis Township Planning Commission minutes of December 15, 2011.

The Treasurer's report was approved on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by Charlie Taylor followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Bills in the amount of \$64,884.07 were approved for payment, on the motion of C.J. Caracciolo, seconded by Bob Smith, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$4,799.17 for reimbursement and payment of CDBG administrative expenses were approved on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

As per the union contract, the Supervisors established the week of July 15 to July 21 as shut-down week for the year 2012, on the motion of C.J. Caracciolo, seconded by Bob Smith followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The agreement for services provided by the Central PA Humane Society was approved on the motion of Bob Smith, seconded by C.J. Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 aye vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer