

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

December 5, 2013, Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Smith, Charlie Taylor, Kenneth Hostler, Charles Caracciolo II

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident; Bob Himes, Resident; Bill Plummer, Resident; Adeena Harbst, Tyrone Herald; Paige Minemyer, Altoona Mirror; Chris Arseniu, Ordinance Enforcement Officer; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli Willett Law Offices; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsof, Township Manager; Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer

In Chairman Amato's absence, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Smith followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Smith commented that Chairman Amato was unable to attend due to illness.

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

The November 7, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Taylor followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

Supervisor's Reports

1. Bob Smith

- Supervisor Smith presented a brief report on the Northern Blair Tipton Sewer Renovation Project.

2. C.J. Caracciolo

- Supervisor Caracciolo reported that the Blair County Tax Collection Bureau has issued the Flat Rate Occupation Tax refunds due to residents. Mr. Caracciolo also suggested that the compost site resume normal operating hours due to the lack of activity this time of year. The Board concurred.

Attorney Fanelli reported that he reviewed the Pension Plan document and reported that everything is compliant. Based on the recommendation of the Township Manager, authorization was given to execute the document on the motion of Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

Attorney Fanelli requested an executive session to discuss litigation matters.

Based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer, approval was given to a reduction in the financial security to \$5,919 posted for Balfurd's Loading and Parking Lots on the motion of Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote, revisions to the Days Inn Plans as noted in the Township Engineer's review letter dated November 27 were approved. In a separate motion by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo approval was given to release the financial security posted for the Days Inn as recommended by the Township Engineer.

The motion was defeated by Supervisor Taylor to give conditional approval for the Kauffman's Timber Harvesting Road Bond Agreement pending receipt of a signed agreement and \$800 for pre and post inspections. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 2-1 yes roll call vote with Supervisor Caracciolo abstaining.

Supervisor Smith presented the Bougher/Briggs setback modification for Lot 1 of the property located on the corner of Bell Tip Road and RTE 865. This request is for a modification to change the setback distance between Lot 1 and Lot 2 on the plans to 15 ft. The modified plans were approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Taylor followed by a 3-1 aye vote with Supervisor Hostler voting no.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Hostler followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

Bills in the amount of \$35,510.03 to be paid from the General Fund, and \$6,367.46 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund were approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Taylor followed by a 4-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$5,658.04 were approved on the motion of Supervisor Hostler, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 yes roll call vote.

Resolution #10-2013 adopting the 2014 Budget was approved on the motion of Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

Resolution #11-2013 setting the tax levy at 4.5 mills was approved on the motion of Supervisor Hostler, seconded by Supervisor Taylor followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

Resolution #12-2013 to make supplemental appropriations of the amounts listed in the context of the Resolution to the so designated budget accounts for 2013 was approved on the motion of Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo, followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Caraccolo, seconded by Supervisor Taylor followed by a 4-0 aye vote, approval was given for a Per Capita Tax Exoneration in the amount of \$1,650 requested from the Elected Tax Collector for uncollectible Per Capita bills for the years of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Supervisor Caracciolo moved to authorize execution of the Stiffler, McGraw, and Associates Agreement for engineering services for the CDBG Program for one year with an optional extension of two additional years. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Taylor with a 4-0 aye vote.

Supervisor Caracoiolo moved to authorize execution of the Stiffler, McGraw, and Associates Agreement for administrative services for the CDBG Program for one year with an optional extension of two additional years. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Taylor with a 4-0 aye vote.

Supervisor Hostler moved to approve the hire of Russell Miller and John Daye as seasonal Highway Maintenance employees. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-0 aye vote.

A Public Hearing was held concurrent with the Board of Supervisors meeting to accept comments regarding the vacation of Dysart Road. The Solicitor reported that notices were sent to the property owners located in the area to be vacated. None appeared at the hearing and no comments were received.

On the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Taylor, followed by a 4-0 aye vote, Ordinance #6-2013 vacating Dysart Road was adopted.

The Board went to Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

Upon reconvening, the Solicitor addressed Scott Boyer in an effort to resolve a pending Land Development issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer