

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 7, 2014 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Smith, Kenneth Hostler, Charles Caracciolo II, Leo Matuszewski, David Worthing

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident; Bob Himes, Resident; Bill Plummer, Resident; Lee Ann Miller, Resident; Paige Minemyer, Altoona Mirror; Steve Shiffler, Road Foreman; 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; Wally Rossi, Resident

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

The July 3, 2014 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Supervisor Smith reported that contract negotiations have been initiated with proposals being presented. Further discussion will continue during meetings scheduled for August 18th and 20th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported that enforcement proceedings of our mandatory tap-on ordinance may have to occur for a property owner that is hesitant to tap on to the new waterline extension of the Bellwood Borough Water Authority. Although the property owner has taken small steps to tap on, the Water Authority is requesting that the Township take action to begin enforcement proceedings in the event progress to tap on is not made in the next few weeks. Supervisor Worthing moved to authorize the appropriate Township officials to begin enforcement proceedings of the Township's mandatory tap-on ordinance in the event the property owner does not make progress in tapping on. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave a brief report of monthly activities.

Supervisor Hostler commented on an entry in the Manager's Report where the Manager tried to ascertain from Betsy Thomas an accounting of the distribution of the proceeds received from sales during Bellwood's 125th Anniversary. It was reported that Ms. Thomas responded that the information would not be made public because it may cause ill will in the community. She did confirm that the funds were distributed to 501 (C) organizations within Bellwood. The Solicitor commented that we do

not have a legal right to the information. On the motion of Supervisor Hostler, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote, authorization was given to direct the manager to send a letter formally requesting an accounting of the proceeds from Bellwood's 125th Anniversary.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo, the Graham Lumber Bonding Agreement for an additional segment of Asbury Road was approved by a 4-1 voice vote with Supervisor Hostler voting no.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Chairman Smith gave a report on the Planning Commission and presented a waiver request by Wally Rossi for a proposed horse barn on property located on Cherry Avenue. Based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and on the motion of Chairman Smith, the Board of Supervisors approved the waiver request to the entire Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance except for Section 110.32 D regarding setback lines. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

The Treasurer reported that in many instances because of the approval process, bills are paid late. A lot of time is expended trying to adjust billing cycles to accommodate the approval process. In order to get the Penelec account current, the Treasurer requested that bills from July and August be paid in full as listed on the bill list. Bills in the amount of **\$30,823.82** to be paid from the General Fund and **\$3,614.76** from the Capital Reserve Fund were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

In order to pay future bills timely, Supervisor Worthing moved to authorize the Treasurer to pay routine time-sensitive bills such as those for utilities as they come due and add them to the bill list for retroactive approval. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

In a second motion, Chairman Smith moved to provide the Manager with the responsibility as System Administrator to provide electronic access to all of the accounts including the ability to perform inter-fund transfers and viewing daily activity so that the treasurer can efficiently manage the accounts. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-1 yes roll call vote with Supervisor Worthing abstaining.

CDBG bills in the amount of **\$1,942.18** for reimbursement and payment of CDBG administrative expenses were approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Authorization was given to the Manager to submit the 902 DEP grant application for funding to be used for upgrades to the compost facility. Authorization was given on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Lee Ann Miller approached the Board regarding her concerns with the Tipton-Antis Volunteer Fire Company related to dispatch response times and was concerned that the proposed dual call system previously discussed had not been implemented. She continued to express her concerns with their ability to operate given their low membership. It was the consensus of the board that the Manager contact the Fire Chief giving him a deadline to set up the arrangement and if the deadline is not met have the Manager coordinate it with 911.

With no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer