

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 4, 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; Charles Young, Resident; Ron Kirkpatrick, Resident; Boyd Gathogan, Resident; Lucas Parkes, EADS Group; Patty Gonder, Resident; Greg Roberts, Resident; Bob Himes, Resident; Dave McCloskey, Excelsior Volunteer Fire Company; 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 Martsolf, Township Manager Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer; Ginger Patterson; Manager's Secretary

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

The August 7, 2014 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Supervisor Caracciolo reported that the Park & Recreation Authority is working on a review of their Articles of Incorporation and bi-laws in preparation of re-establishing the Authority.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement in preparation of a vote later in the meeting.

The Solicitor reported that he is assisting the Bellwood-Antis Park & Recreation Authority with a review of their bi-laws and Articles of Incorporation and asked if that was acceptable to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that it was acceptable to continue to work with the Authority.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave a brief report of monthly activities.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Shura, Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, presented Resolution # 11-2014 authorizing the

submission of the Blair County TMDL & Chesapeake Bay Reduction Plan to DEP. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, Resolution #11-2014 was adopted.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Chairman Smith gave a report on the Planning Commission and presented the Land Development application for the addition of a recreation center at the Tipton Baptist Church located off of Deborah Street. Based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and on the motion of Chairman Smith, the Board of Supervisors approved the waiver request to Section 110.61.B Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regarding setback lines. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote. In a separate motion by Chairman Smith, the Tipton Baptist Church Land Development was given conditional approval pending satisfactory completion of the items listed in the Township Engineer's August 29 review letter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Chairman Smith presented the William and Patty Gonder Minor Subdivision for property located on Bell Tip Road. The purpose of the subdivision is to place a single family mobile home on the site. On the motion of Chairman Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, conditional approval pending receipt of an executed Shared Use & Maintenance Agreement was given for the Gonder Subdivision.

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.

Bills in the amount of \$30,285.45 from the General Fund and \$1,289.21 from the Capital Reserve fund were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$2,285.64 for reimbursement and payment of CDBG administrative expenses were approved on the motion of Supervisor Matuszewski, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Supervisor Caracciolo moved to adopt the M & T bank Certificate of Treasury Management Resolution #10-2014 for electronic banking. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 4-0 voice vote with Supervisor Worthing abstaining.

Supervisor Worthing moved to adopt the Minimum Municipal Obligation Resolution #9-2014. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisor Worthing moved to authorize the Manager to advertise and hire two seasonal highway Maintenance employees at a rate of \$16.25/hr. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisor Worthing moved to authorize the Township Manager to contact DCED regarding the Single Application of Assistance for Fire Suppression review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisor Worthing moved to approve the release of \$10,276 from the Fire Hydrant Fund to the Bellwood Borough Water Authority for the purchase of four hydrants to be added as part of the water restoration project on the east side of town. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Young, Grandview Road, approached the Board and inquired about letters received by several residents in that area regarding malfunctioning septic systems. He inquired as to whether or not there were plans to extend public sewer in that area. Chairman Smith responded that a feasibility study was completed for that area in the past and it was determined that it was not feasible to extend the line. The Manager provided an overview of the process in handling reports of malfunctioning septic systems.

Don Kobak, 117 Park Forest Lane, presented information to the Board regarding a DEP Biosolids permit that has been issued to Raymond Huey, Willt's Septic. Mr. Kobak expressed concern over the spreading of biosolids in the area of Mr. Wilt's business as it is located in close proximity to the Parkview Estates development. He had concern as to the safety of the activity and the effect it could have on property values and encouraged the Board to be supportive of their position. The Manager offered that the Township has no power to counter DEP regulations.

The Board went to executive session at 8:30 to discuss personnel matters.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement was ratified on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

In response to concerns from residents regarding a Biosolids Permit issued by DEP to a local business Supervisor Hostler moved to authorize the Manager to prepare and send a letter to DEP expressing the Township's expectation that all regulations related to the permit be enforced. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 3-0 roll call vote with Supervisors Worthing and Caracciolo abstaining.

With no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer