

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

*October 1, 2015 Antis Township Meeting Room
7:00 PM*

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Hostler, Robert Smith, Dave Worthing, Leo Matuszewski, C.J. Caracciolo

VISITORS:

Sean Sauro, Altoona Mirror; Joe Smyder, Resident; Dave McCartney, Resident; Kim Kennedy, Resident; Scott Kennedy, Resident; Karen Fletcher, Resident; John Frederick, IRC Recycling Office; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli-Willett Law Offices; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsof, Township Manager; Steve Shiffler, Road Foreman; Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer

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

Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

The September 3, 2015 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 4-0 voice vote with Supervisor Caracciolo abstaining.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Matuszewski

- Recognized the contractors who did the work in the area of Old Sixth Avenue and Lower Riggles Gap noting it was a nice improvement.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor requested an executive session for a litigation matter.

Attorney Fanelli also presented Ordinance #5-2015, to open a portion of Lock Street, for adoption. He reported that the ordinance was advertised and he successfully sent out notices to owners of the abutting property and noted no one was present at the meeting to provide comment. Ordinance #5-2015 to open a portion of Lock Street was adopted on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 4-1 yes roll call vote with Supervisor Hostler voting no.

Manager's Report

The Manager presented a brief report on activities in the Township and the Capital Improvements Committee.

Engineer's Report

The Township Engineer presented change order #2 for the CDBG Forshey Street Waterline Extension project to reduce the contract amount by \$21,107. Approval was given for the change order on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

On the recommendation of the Township Engineer, approval was given to release the final payment in the amount of \$7,363 to Lumadue Excavating for the CDBG Forshey Street Waterline Project.

Supervisor Worthing made a motion to give authorization to move **\$68,056.96** in CDBG funds from the Forshey Waterline Project to the Street Improvement Project and **\$12,960.95** from Housing Rehab to the Street Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Planning Commission

Supervisor Smith noted that he did not attend the Planning Commission meeting but would present the submission based on the minutes of that meeting. The Planning Commission accepted a submission for the Rhoades/Kennedy Subdivision for property located off of McFarland Road on Forest Cabin Lane. The intent is for Shirley Rhoades to convey 24.323 acres to Scott & Kimberly Kennedy and merge this new lot to their existing lot (3-12-24). No new utilities are proposed as this is a no-impact subdivision. There will also be a residual Lot 1, vacant land of 1.053 acres that fronts on McFarland Road that has public sewer and water that will remain with Shirley Rhoades. On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote, the Rhoades/ Kennedy Subdivision was approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Bills in the amount of \$56,865.99 from the General Fund, \$721.89 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$2,730.55 from the Fire Hydrant Fund, and \$1,797 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund were approved for payment, on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$100,766.75 for reimbursement and payment of CDBG administrative expenses were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

The Third Quarter Earned Income Tax in the amount of \$41,788.32 was approved to be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

New Business

The sole bid received by Mark Patterson for the GMC Sierra Truck in the amount of \$1,200 was rejected on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 roll call vote, authorization was given to hire Joe Dospoy as a seasonal highway maintenance employee at a rate of \$16.25/hour.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote, approval was given for the installation of a hydrant on Antis Road and one on Lower Riggles Gap.

John Frederick, IRC, gave a brief presentation.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote, approval was given to release \$500 to the Clubmen’s Association as was allocated in the 2015 Budget.

On the motion Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote Trick or Treat night was scheduled for October 29 from 6-8 pm.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote, approval was given to distribute the Volunteer Firefighters Relief money as follows:

<i>(Distributed 1/3 to each by contract)</i>	
Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company	\$12,723.56
Tipton Antis Volunteer Fire Company	\$12,723.55
Excelsior Volunteer Fire Company	\$12,723.56
	<u>\$38,170.67</u>

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting went to recess at 7:55 and reconvened at 8:00 for a hearing to discuss the property on Sabbath Rest Road.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider whether the property owned by Vinetta A. Laird was blighted or contained a blighted structure that should be vacated, demolished or rehabilitated. Dave McCartney requested to speak on behalf of Ms. Laird. Mr. McCartney proceeded to inform the Board that he is in the process of purchasing the property and believed it could be rehabilitated for use and requested 90 days to do so. Supervisor Worthing indicated that a lot of work could be accomplished in 30 days. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, the structure located at 646 Sabbath Rest Road was declared to be in violation of our ordinance and the property owner was given thirty days to rehabilitate it to a residential structure. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

The hearing was adjourned and the Board went to executive session at 8:15.

With no other business brought before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:33.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer