

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

November 3, 2016 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

Joe Snyder, Resident; Bob Himes, Resident; Gary Snyder, Adeena Harbst, The Herald; Dave McCloskey, Excelsior; Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli-Willet Law Offices, Sean Sauro, Altoona Mirror; Steve Shiffler, Road Foreman; Christ Arseniu, Code Enforcement Officer; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsolf, Township Manager

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

Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

The October 6, 2016 Board of Supervisor Meeting minutes and the October 18, Budget Workshop Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Smith reported that the 2017 Budget is completed and is posted on the website for public viewing in preparation of adoption at the December Meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Fanelli requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. He also reported that the County will certify the reassessed property values by December 4. We will then use that data to determine the new millage to remain revenue neutral. The new millage will be adopted at a Special Meeting.

Manager's Report

The Manager reported that the final copy of the Comprehensive Park and Recreation plan has been posted to the website.

The manager also reported the need to create a Public Safety Committee and a Park and Recreation Committee.

Public Safety Report

Dave McCloskey, Excelsior Volunteer Fire Company, provided a monthly Public Safety Report.

Township Engineer's Report

Chris Dutrow presented a road bonding agreement for Scott Gallaher to perform logging activity on approximately .68 miles of Moser Road. On the motion of Supervisor Matuszewski, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 4-1 roll call vote with Supervisor Hostler voting no, conditional approval was given to authorize the road bonding agreement contingent upon receiving a check in the amount of \$800 for the pre and post inspection fees, a bond in the amount of \$8,500 and an executed copy of the bonding agreement.

Supervisor Hostler is concerned that the statute establishing a bonding limit of \$12,500 per mile does not provide enough protection to recover costs to repair the road in the event of damage. Supervisor Hostler moved to establish a pre and post inspection fee in the amount of \$1 per foot per lane mile. The motion died for lack of a second. There was a consensus of the Board to form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the issue further.

Chris Dutrow presented information on a road bonding request by Superior Lumber to perform logging activity on Riggles Gap. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 4-1 roll call vote, with Supervisor Hostler voting no, conditional approval was given to authorize the road bonding agreement contingent upon receiving a check in the amount of \$800 for the pre and post inspection fees, a bond in the amount of \$17,500 and an executed copy of the bonding agreement.

Planning Commission Report

Supervisor Smith presented the Eric and Barry Gheer lot merger of two parcels (*Property Codes 3-15-51-A & 3-15-51-1*) located along Grandveiw Road. The proposed merger will consist of combining a 6.13 acre parcel with an adjacent .80 acre parcel. No construction is planned with the proposal. On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote, the Gheer Lot Merger was approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills in the amount of **\$24,641.25** paid from the General Fund, **\$1,278.14** from the Stormwater Improvement Fund, **and \$3,609.75** from the Capital Reserve Fund were approved for payment on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$1,238.50 were approved for payment on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Supervisor Matuszewski moved to adopt the Preliminary 2017 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,276,789 and the Capital Budget in the amount of \$569,586. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

New Business

In a motion by Supervisor Matuszewski, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote, approval was given for the contract with Blair County for CDBG Administrative Services as required by the program.

The 2016 CDBG Application and associated documents including Resolution #12-2016 authorizing the chairman to sign the application, and the Citizen Participation Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote the solicitor was directed to draft an ordinance for the vacation of roads for consideration.

Public Comment Period

During the Public Comment Period resident Bob Himes, inquired as to the status of his request at a previous meeting for speed enforcement on RTE 865. The Supervisors advised that a written request has been made for more enforcement from the PA State Police.

The meeting went to executive session at 7:59 and adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer