

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 7, 2017 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident; Ken Henshey, Resident; Chuck Banas, The Daily Herald; Sean Sauro, Altoona Mirror; Linda DeGrosso, Century 21, Deb Lechner, Resident; Charlie Taylor, Resident; Jeff Farber, Emergency Management; Lois Kaneshiki, Republican Party Chairman; Christ Arseniu, Code Enforcement Officer; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli-Willett Law Offices; Randy Showalter, Road Foreman; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsolf, Township Manager; Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer

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

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Meeting Minutes

The September 7, 2017 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 4-0 voice vote with Supervisor Caracciolo abstaining because he did not attend the meeting.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Hostler reported that the library hired a new librarian and is working on their budget.

Manager's Report

The manager provided a brief report and requested an executive session to discuss the possibility of a land acquisition for the trail project.

Public Safety Report

Jack McCloskey, Excelsior Fire Company, provided a written Public Safety Report.

Road Foreman Report

Randy Showalter, Road Foreman, announced that leaf pick up would begin the following week.

Engineer's Report

Chris Dutrow provided an update on the N. 9th Street and Stetter Road culvert projects.

Planning Commission

There were no submissions for the Planning Commission to review.

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.

A motion to approve the September, 2017 bills in the amount of **\$42,225.70** paid from the General Fund; **\$24,092.19** from the Capital Reserve Fund; **\$3,208.50** from the Stormwater Improvements Fund were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

CDBG bills in the amount of \$17,703.18 were approved for payment on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer the third quarter earned income tax in the amount of \$43,305.62 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund on the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

New Business

Authorization was given on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 roll call vote, to release \$22,855.06 to the Excelsior Fire Relief Association and \$11,427.53 to the Pinecroft Fire Relief Association.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote, retroactive approval was given to advertise for bid the compost site pole building.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to purchase a tilt deck trailer in the amount of \$7,295.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to move \$30K in CDBG funds from the N. 9th Street Drainage Project to the Single Family Housing Rehab activity.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote the CDBG housing rehab program activity was selected for FY 2017 in the amount of \$83,777.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to begin red tag proceedings for the Sembrot Property located 3361 E Pleasant Valley Blvd.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to request that PennDOT perform a traffic study on a portion of E Pleasant Valley Blvd from Lower Skelp (before Huey's) to Tipton Road (Rossi's) to determine safe speed in that area and have the corresponding signage installed.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given for the Victory Run sponsored by the Northern Blair County Recreation Center on October 21, 2017.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote, Trick or Treat was scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, Seconded by supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote authorization was given to release \$500 to the Clubmen's Association for the Christmas and Halloween events as was budgeted in the 2017 Budget.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote Mary Gallagher was appointed to elected auditor position to fill a vacancy due to the death of Stanley Baker.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held to receive and review comments on the Township's intent to vacate a portion of W. Antis Street. With no comments brought to the board, the solicitor presented Ordinance #1-2017 to vacate a portion of W. Antis Street. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote Ordinance #1-2017 was adopted contingent upon receipt of a signed agreement and easement.

Public Comment

Lois Kaneshiki, introduced herself as the Chairman for the Republican Party, and thanked the board members for their service to their community.

The Supervisors went to executive session at 7:40. When the board reconvened, authorization was given to acquire a portion of the property (Property Code: 03.00-20.-026) owned by Michael McCracken located off of Becker Road in the amount of \$185,000 on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote authorization was given to enter into an option to purchase agreement, with consideration of \$100, for the property (Property Code 0300-20-170-1) owned by Charles Powell for a purchase price of \$40K

provided that price does not exceed any appraised value. This purchase may be exercised by the Township at any time prior to midnight on March 1, 2018.

With no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer