

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

November 7, 2019 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Smith, Kenneth Hostler, David Worthing, C.J. Caracciolo, Timothy Mercer

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident; Richard Powell Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company; Ben Hornberger, Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company; Penny Brunner, Smiles for Miles; Karen Baldwin, Resident; Jessica Ford-Cameran, Bellwood Antis Public Library; Jack McCloskey, Excelsior Fire Company; Jeff Mayers, Pinecroft Fire Company; Chris Dutrow, Township Engineer; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli-Willet Law Offices, Adeena Harbst, The Daily Herald; Randy Showalter, Road Foreman; John Frederick, Recreation & Environmental Code Enforcement Director; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsolf, Township Manager

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

Chairman Smith announced that there would be an Executive Session.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Worthing moved to approve the October 3 Board of Supervisors Meeting minutes, and the October 17 Budget Workshop Minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

The Supervisors had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Mercer followed by a 5-0 voice vote, Ordinance #2-2019, for the dissolution of the Park & Recreation Authority was adopted.

The solicitor reported that the Township received one bid from Robindale Energy Services, Inc. in the amount of \$33,274 for the RFB in the Exploration/reclamation of above ground coal material. The bid was opened on November 1 at 3:30 PM. It was also the opinion of this bidder that the project would be better suited for a state funded program through the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Grant program. The bid was rejected on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 4-0 roll call vote with supervisor Hostler abstaining due to his absence at the bid opening,

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to staff to participate in the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Grant Program for the creation of the trail in that section.

Manager's Report

The manager had nothing to report.

Library Report

Jessica Cameran-Ford presented the library report and an update on their fundraising efforts with the Legacy Wall.

Public Safety Report

Excelsior & Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Companies provided a monthly Public Safety Report.

Road Foreman Report

The Road Foreman had nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Report

John Frederick commented on the abandoned mine reclamation program.

Township Engineer's Report

The Township Engineer regrettably reported that the Parkview Estates Stormwater Project was not put out to bid in time for bid opening but would be ready for the December's Meeting.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to release the bond held by Superior Lumber in the amount of \$18,500.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 3-2 roll call vote with Supervisors Hostler and Mercer voting no, authorization was given to execute the Mountainside Hardwoods road bond agreement contingent upon receipt of an executed agreement and a bond in the amount of \$25,000.

Planning Commission Report

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, the Mark Hesel Sewage Facilities planning Module was approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills in the amount of **\$39,446.42** paid from the General Fund, **\$6,245.87** from the Stormwater Improvement Fund, **\$9,301.37** from the Capital Reserve Fund, **\$3,648.80** from the Fire Hydrant Fund, and **\$25,183.78** from the C2P2 Grant Fund were approved for payment on the motion of Supervisor Mercer, seconded Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote approval was given to the Treasurer to release \$17,600 to the Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company.

Unfinished Business

Supervisor Hostler moved to adopt the Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,404,109 and \$883,590 for the Capital Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

New Business

Retroactive approval was given to Northern Blair Recreation for the 5K Victory Run held on October 11, 2019 on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

A donation request by Contact Altoona died for lack of a motion.

Public Comment Period

Larry Dick approached the Board regarding his plans to buy the Northside Modular development. He was directed to submit his plans to the Planning Commission.

Penny Brunner, Smiles for Miles, provided a presentation on her efforts to make area parks all- inclusive play and her desire to place sensory panels and a wheelchair swing at the current playground. The board assured her that they all support her efforts in promoting all-inclusive play at out park.

Ben Hornberger, 571 Kerbaugh Road, had concerns as to how the coal project might impact streams and hunting in that area. The Board responded that if awarded, the project will be funded by a DEP grant program and so consideration would be given to conservation issues.

The meeting went to executive session at 8:28 and reconvened at 8:55 PM.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 4-0 vote with Supervisor Caracciolo abstaining, approval was given to exercise the purchase option on the Antis Salvage Property (*Property Code: 03-23-004*) consisting of 92 acres for a purchase price of \$148,000.

With no other business brought before the board the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer