

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 6, 2020 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Hostler, David Worthing, Robert Smith, Janet Lantz
Supervisor Caracciolo attended via teleconference.

VISITORS:

Dean Baker, BAMR; Brian Kustaborder, Resident; Michael McAndrew, Resident; Lance Kustaborder, Pineroft, Barby Trent, Jack McCloskey, Excelsior; Dave McCloskey, Excelsior; Trina Illig, Blair County CDBG Administrator; Jessica Ford-Cameran, Bellwood-Antis Public Library; Ginger Patterson, CDBG Administrator; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsolf, Township Manager; Chris Dutrow, Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates

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 under the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

The July 2, 2020 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Lantz, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Smith reported that the Public Safety Committee has received and reviewed information and it is being compiled and is preparing it to disseminate to the remaining board members.

Supervisor Lantz provided a report on the activities related to her committee assignments including the successful negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement.

Supervisor Hostler read a letter received from the officers of Excelsior Fire Company requesting that all five board members and the manager be placed on the Public Safety Committee. Supervisor Worthing commented that it is premature to have a full public safety committee and recommended waiting until the program is more formalized and in the interim, they could be more flexible in meeting with the fire companies. Supervisor Smith commented that involving so many people in the process would be counter-productive. Supervisor Lantz countered that there are ongoing situations with the fire companies and the citizens have a right to know what is going on. On the motion of Supervisor Lantz, seconded by Supervisor

Caracciolo followed by a 3-2 yes vote approval was given for the Public Safety Committee be composed of all five board members rather than just two. Supervisors Smith and Worthing voted no.

Solicitor's Report

The solicitor presented the *Right of Entry* for the coal reclamation project which gives DEP the right to enter the property to do the work. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote approval was given for the Right of Entry authorizing DEP, agents and contractors the right to enter property (a portion of Kerbaugh Road between Becker and Lower Riggles Gap Road for the coal reclamation project and to adopt Resolution #11-2020 authorizing the Chairman to sign all associated documents.

Dean Baker, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, gave an overview of the coal reclamation project. He looks forward to partnering with the township on this mutually beneficial project.

No bids were received for timber removal at the coal reclamation site and based on a recommendation from staff, authorization was given to advertise it a second time on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 yes voice vote.

The *Collective Bargaining Agreement* was ratified for the contract period of 2020-2023 on the motion of Supervisor Lantz, seconded by Supervisor Worthing, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

Manager's Report

The Manager had nothing to report.

Public Library Report

Jessica Ford-Cameran provided a brief report of activities at the library.

Public Safety Report

Pinecroft & Excelsior Volunteer Fire Companies provided a report.

Road Foreman Report

Mr. Showalter acknowledged the crew on the work they have been doing on the recreation projects.

Code Enforcement Report

Based on the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Director approval was given for the setback exception request for the Lee Owen property located on Old Sixth Avenue Road on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Frederick reported that he is working on informational sheets to raise awareness on various environmental issues. The first one being posted in the meeting room on the topic of riparian buffers.

Engineer's Report

Chris Dutrow reported that the contractor on the Parkview Estates project will return to reseed next month and that the Notice to Proceed has been executed for the park project and work will begin on Monday August 10.

Planning Commission Report

There were no submissions by the Planning Commission.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills in the amount of \$32,766.78 from the General Fund, \$23,088.55 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$3,236.26 from the C2P2 Fund; and \$297.502 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund were approved for payment, on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded Supervisor Lantz, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

An agreement and Resolution # 12-2020 authorizing the secretary-treasurer to utilize the DOT GRANTS system (through PADOT) to submit the annual reconciliation of liquid fuels to the state was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

New Business

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Lantz, followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to execute the *Shared Services Agreement* with Bellwood Borough and the Authority.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote authorization was given to execute an agreement with the IRC to perform the grinding at the compost site due to the Township's tub grinder being inoperable.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to renew the Richard Forshey junkyard permit with stipulations.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote authorization was given to Bellwood Borough to pave the end of South Second Street located in the Township as part of their paving program with the Township providing reimbursement of the cost. The cost will be paid out of the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Ginger Patterson presented information on a proposed COVID compliant restroom that could possibly be located along the trail and if it qualifies could possibly be funded through additional CDBG funds made available through the CARES Act. Trina Illig Blair County CDBG Coordinator, presented the details regarding the funding and recommended 70% of CARES Act funding to go toward housing Rehab and

30% going to the creation of the restroom. On the motion of Supervisor Hostler seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 vote, approval was given for the COVID compliant restroom as a CDBG project selection funded through the CARES Act.

Public Comment Period

Barbara Trent, 1044 Forest St., Coalport, inquired as to whether the same information is being requested of both fire companies. Supervisor Worthing responded that the requests made of Pinecroft were the result of findings specific to that company in the fire study. Supervisor Smith asked Chairman Hostler to repeat a statement he made and that it be made a part of the minutes. Chairman Hostler re-stated “I am not very happy with Pinecroft”.

With no further business brought before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer