

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 5, 2019 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

Joe Smyder, Resident; Jeff Mayers, Pinecroft Fire Company; Jack McCloskey, Excelsior Fire Company; Adeena Harbst, The Daily Herald; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Lucas Martsof, Township Manager; Chris Dutrow, Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates; Patrick Fanelli, Fanelli-Willet Law Offices; Todd Beiswenger; Young & Assoc.; Jessica-Ford Cameran, Bellwood-Antis Library; Terry Himes., Parkview Estates; Richard Greene, Parkview Estates; Ken Longsinger, Resident; Peter Weeks, Resident; Jack McCloskey Excelsior; Brett Abbott, Excelsior; C Cherry, Excelsior; Susan Patton, Parkview Estates; Becky Mayes, Parkview Estates; Bonnie, Parkview Estates; Jacinda Boone, Parkview Estates; Jeff Farber, EMC

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

Public Comment Period

Several residents from Parkview Estates attended the meeting with concerns about how the Stormwater project in that development would be funded. Supervisor Worthing commented that an analysis was completed and believes that the project should fall under the umbrella of the Township. The Supervisors responded that there are stormwater issues throughout the Township to be addressed in addition to meeting the MS-4 mandate. Future funding will most likely come from increased property taxes or the assessment of a separate stormwater fee. The Township will take care of stormwater issues within the confines of the township with property owners being responsible for issues on private property.

Chris Dutrow reported that he is hopeful that the Parkview Estates project bids will be opened in October with construction happening late fall to early winter. He further advised that if this is the case there will be a mess left there through the winter but the contractor will have to return in the Spring to finish the clean-up.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Worthing reported that we are looking into ways to save on our electricity costs through the Costars electricity procurement services program.

Supervisor Mercer reported that the trail looks fantastic.

Meeting Minutes

The August 1, 2019 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer followed by a 4-0 voice vote with supervisor Caracciolo abstaining.

Solicitor's Report

On the motion of Supervisor Smith seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote Ordinance #1-2019 was adopted entering into a cooperative agreement with the county for 911 addressing.

The Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss an attorney client privilege issue.

Manager's Report

Lucas Martsof requested that he be removed from the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Hostler followed by a 5-0 voice vote Supervisor Mercer was appointed to the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee.

The Manager also invited the Supervisors to provide him with recommendations for contributions for fire services in the 2020 Budget.

Public Safety Report

Public Safety reports were provided by both Excelsior and Pinecroft fire companies. Jeff Farber, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a brief report on various training and associated affiliations.

Road Foreman Report

Mr. Showalter presented a report on the activities of the crew.

Engineer's Report

Chris Dutrow had nothing to report.

Planning Commission Report

Chairman Smith presented the Lloyd Gummo Side Lot Addition for the property (*Property Code 03-21-38.002 & 03-21-37.002*) located off of SR 0220 (Pleasant Valley Blvd.) in Antis, Township, Blair County. The purpose of this change is to add property from one parcel to another to build a single family home. On the motion of Chairman Smith seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote conditional approval was given contingent upon receipt of a Blair County Planning Review Letter and a Shared use & Maintenance Agreement.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills in the amount of \$42,857.33 from the General Fund, \$62,044.52 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$23,724.33 from the C2P2 Grant Fund; \$125,315 from the State Fund and \$33 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund were approved for payment, on the motion of Supervisor Mercer, seconded Supervisor Caracciolo, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

New Business

On the motion of Supervisor Caracciolo, seconded by Supervisor Hostler, followed by a 3-2 roll call vote with Supervisors Caracciolo and Mercer voting no, approval was given for a 5' setback exception to install a business sign along RTE 220.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-1 roll call vote, with Supervisor Caracciolo voting no, approval was given to authorize Mr. Weeks to temporarily place the shed on the existing concrete pad until April 30 of 2021. Following the deadline, the shed will be placed in the location where a building currently exists that is to be torn down and is within the setback requirements.

Supervisor Worthing made a motion to grant the request for a 10.5 ft. setback exemption to construct a new garage. The motion died for lack of a second. In another motion by Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Mercer followed by a 4-1 roll call vote with Supervisor Mercer voting no, approval was given for a 10.5 ft. setback exemption to construct a new garage.

As a result of the aforementioned setback requests, it was the consensus of the board that a thoughtful study and re-evaluation of the ordinance relating to setbacks be reviewed to determine if we could establish setbacks that could consistently be applied throughout the Township.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 4-1 roll call vote authorization was given to purchase a deicing system at an estimated cost of \$58,210.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to execute the Stiffler McGraw Engineering Proposal for Phase II of the Park improvements Project at an amount not to exceed \$43,500.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer followed by a 5-0 voice vote Resolution #9-2019 –(401A Pension Plan Employee/Employer Matching up to 6%) & Resolution #10-2019 (Profit Sharing Pension Plan- 10 % Employer Funded) was adopted for the Minimum Municipal Obligation.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Caracciolo followed by a 5-0 voice vote Resolution #11-2019 was adopted to update the banking signatory to reflect removing Leo Matuszewski and adding Supervisor Mercer as signatory on all Antis Township bank accounts.

On the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Mercer, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, Resolution #12-2019 was adopted to reallocate FY2017 and FY2018 CDBG funds to the N.4th and Blair Streets Drainage project

The Board ratified the UPMC Health Plan renewal rates on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Matuszewski followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the public comment period.

The Board went to executive session at 9:17 PM. On the motion of Supervisor Worthing seconded by Supervisor Mercer followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to advertise Request for Bids (RFB) for the exploration/reclamation of above ground coal material in Antis Township.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer