

MINUTES

Antis Township 2021 Board of Supervisors

November 4, 2021, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

David Worthing, Chairman; Bob Smith, Supervisor; Janet Lantz, Supervisor; Kenneth Hostler, Supervisor; Steve Winterstein, Supervisor

Staff

Lori Del Biondo, John Frederick, Randy Showalter and Douglas Brown

Visitors

Chris Dutrow – Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc., Patrick Fanelli – Fanelli-Willet Law Offices, Lance Kustaborder – Pinecroft Fire Company, Jack McCloskey – Excelsior Fire Company, and Residents - Brian Kustaboarder ,

The November 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 by David Worthing followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Worthing reported that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

The October 2021 Budget Workshop and Board of Supervisor meeting minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Bob Smith – Reported that the most recent Blair Sanitary Committee meeting resulted in the recommendation to pursue further corrective actions against a resident of Antis Township. John Frederick was informed of their recommendation the following day.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Douglas Brown – Asked for any recommendations or improvements that can be made to the Manager's Report as this was the first one since he became manager.

Library Report

Nothing to Report.

Public Safety Report

Pinecroft and Excelsior provided reports, with both companies asking for additional help with the matching funds for the grant funding the purchase of new air packs.

Road Foreman Report

Randy Showalter – In addition to what was included in the Manager’s report there was a comment about a bush inhibiting the sight when at the stop sign on Grazierville Road and Tipton Mountain Rd. Randy commented that it was a State Route and he had reached out to advise them of the hazard.

Code Enforcement Report

There were two items concerning to report. The first being a Setback Exception request for Barry Anderson where he wants to install a garage and was requesting a setback of 10’ from both the side and back setbacks. On the motion of Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote the request was approved.

The second was a fencing waiver for Mark Helsel. Mr. Helsel is installing a retention pond in order to meet the Stormwater requirements and due to the size and potential depth of the pond is requesting a fencing waiver. John Frederick explained each situation, with additional comments from Chris Dutrow on the Helsel request. Mr. Helsel’s request was approved with the standard indemnification agreement as recommended by Chris Dutrow on the motion by Supervisor Winterstein and seconded by Supervisor Hostler followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Engineer’s Report

Nothing to Report.

Planning Commission Reports

Pine Creek Structures Land Development – John Frederick presented the land development plan for Pine Creek Structures along Pleasant Valley Blvd with the requests for waivers of Section 110-41C and 110-41D for Curbing and sidewalks. On the motion of Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote approval the request was given.

Treasurer Reports

The treasurer’s report was approved on the motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Bills in the amount of \$59,977.51 from the General Fund, \$1,186 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund and \$5,637.50 from the Capital Reserve Fund were approved for payment by the motion from Supervisor Hostler, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

There was a request for a Retroactive approval to release payments for properties located in the trail alleyway in the amount of \$2,029. This was approved with the motion from Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

This was a request for Authorization to release payment to Groff Tractor and Equipment for the purchase of a skid steer in the amount of \$57,705. This was approved on the motion by Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Unfinished Business

The 2022 preliminary budget, discussed during the budget workshop, with the amount of \$1,503,309 and the Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,345,296 were both approved to adopt with the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Hostler followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisor Worthing also took a moment to thank Lori for all of her hard work. The budget will be posted and available to the public for 30 days.

New Business

Wallover Proposal – Due to the DCNR Grant we were looking to obtain a feasibility study and had contacted Wallover Architects. Their proposal for the study was \$27,000 which would have used the full amount of the Grant (\$13,500) and required the Township to match it fully. Due to the timing and complexity of this issue, as well as the unknown impact of the Trail on the 2022 budget, it was tabled for now by Supervisor Worthing.

Authorize Completion & Payment for Right of Entry w/ Norfolk Southern – This was on the agenda as it was considered a possible way to move the Trail project forward. However, it was determined that due to PennDot's requirements it would not be acceptable and so no action was required or taken.

Balfurd's Withdrawal of Land Development Plans and Financial Release – Balfurds had previously received a land development approval on 6/6/2019 and posted \$53,889 in cash as financial security for the project. They no longer wish to move forward with the project and requested the release of the cash being held. Attorney Fanelli suggested that they will need to file a record showing that they are striking the previously approved Land Development Plan. The approval to refund the Financial Security contingent on the appropriate filing to strike the approved plan was motioned by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Lantz followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Authorization for Fire Hydrants – Altoona Water Authority is adding water main from Glenby Drive along Rossman Road towards Grazierville and will be adding in 4 new fire hydrants. The expected cost for this is not to exceed \$14,264.96. Jack McClosky from Excelsior Fire Co. commented that it will greatly enhance that area and asked to be consulted on the locations. The motion to pay for the new hydrants from the Fire Hydrant Fund was motioned by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Hostler followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Comment Period

Randy Showalter announced that the annual Bellwood Christmas tree lighting ceremony would be taking place on November 22nd and he graciously volunteered the new manager, Douglas Brown, to co-host the event with the Mayor of Bellwood, David Snyder.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer