

MINUTES

Antis Township 2021 Board of Supervisors

February 3, 2022, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Janet Lantz, Chairman; David Worthing, Supervisor; Bob Smith, Supervisor; Brian Kustaborder, Supervisor; Steve Winterstein, Supervisor

Staff

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

Visitors

Mark Helsel, Sean Albright, and Hazel Bilka representing the Bellwood Community Trust and Stephanie Pennington who is the newly elected Tax Collector

The February 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Janet Lantz followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Period

Stephanie Pennington, the newly elected tax collector, provided a fact sheet to the supervisors that details her office hours (Monday 5:00-8:00 PM, Thursday 1:00-7:00 PM, and an update on the process of becoming the new tax collector. She is still waiting for Blair County to provide information on her bond, but they have until March 15 to do so. She has reviewed the Tax Collector Manual, and will begin the online courses within the next few days. Stephanie will also be opening her checking account at First Commonwealth Bank, and will be appointing Susan Waite, her mother and former Bellwood Borough Secretary, as the deputy. Stephanie also requested the board to consider adopting an ordinance that would allow her to charge \$5.00 for the Certification of Taxes and Duplicate of Taxes. The board indicated that they would entertain such an ordinance as it is common for other tax collectors and in line with the Bellwood tax collector's fees.

Hazel Bilka made a short presentation about the Bellwood Community Trust's history and the founder, Stanley Hostler. They Trust generously presented Antis Township with a check for \$24,026.83 from donations, including from the Joseph and Elizabeth Ramsey Trust, they received for the Rails to Trails project.

Meeting Minutes

The January 2021 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes, and Reorganization meeting minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Janet Lantz – Reported that the Library's next meeting will be held on Monday February 7th.

Solicitor's Report

Pat Fanelli provided both a Resolution and an updated Agreement to the board. Resolution #4-2022 was concerning the Second Right Agreement that was on the ballot at the last election. This agreement is to be presented to all of the municipalities in Blair County. There was a brief discussion regarding the wording on the agreement and whether it matched what was on the ballot (it is) and also if any others have already approved it. The Board voted to approve this resolution on a motion by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

The Agreement Solicitor Fanelli presented was a Road Use Agreement between Antis Township and Robindale Energy Services. This agreement will pay the Township 4 incremental \$25,000 payments based on the amount of coal ash material hauled out of the DEP Coal Reclamation Project along Kerbagh Road. There was a motion to approve the agreement by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Manager's Report

Manager Douglas Brown elaborated on the written report that was provided to acknowledge that on February 16th Jerry Ozog from the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute would be holding a seminar with the Antis Township Public Safety Committee, Excelsior Fire and Pineroft Fire Hall. Also, both fire companies had provided invoices for their Air Packs for which they had previously requested from the board help to pay for. The total for both companies was \$31,638 and this will be on the March meeting agenda. He also will be attending a PSATS Bootcamp seminar the following two Saturdays.

Code Enforcement Report

John Frederick updated the board that he was contacted by the Bellwood Antis School District concerning the Easter Egg Hunt for which the township has provided candy for. There will be some changes to our existing recycling program coming that will address the containers at the Compost Yard and he expects to have that ready for the March meeting.

He also brought a Setback Exception Request to the Board. Resident Sean Albright, 4682 East Pleasant Valley Blvd, plans to build a shed for his camper and due to a water line running across his property is requesting a setback exception for the side property line. He provided the drawings of the building and a letter from the neighbor stating that they are agreeable to the exception. There was a motion to approve the Setback Exception Request made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Chris Dutrow reported that he recently became aware of a new grant opportunity, the Statewide Local Share Account, which is funded through the PA Race Horse and Gaming Act. This was previously only available in certain areas, but has now gone statewide. He offered Stiffler McGraw's services to prepare the grant and apply on behalf of the Township. The grant would be to help offset the expected shortfall of the PennDot Grant and expected cost for Phase 1 of the trail project. This grant will allow a portion of the proceeds to be paid towards engineering which will also help cover the difference between grant money currently procured for engineering and Stiffler McGraw's actual costs. The board agreed that this was a positive development and the consensus was to allow Stiffler McGraw to proceed.

Treasurer Reports

The January 2022 Treasurers Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

A motion to approve the January 2022 Bills in the amount of \$36,530.42 from the General Fund, \$1,250.50 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$3,712.81 from the State Fund and \$70 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund were approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 roll call vote.

New Business

There was a Capital Improvements Committee meeting held on January 27th. All of the supervisors were sent an update after the request detailing the recommendations of that committee including:

- Authorize the crew to move forward with clearing the ditch from our stormwater outflow at Park View Estates down to the PennDot culvert to help alleviate the stormwater issues affecting the Northern Blair Rec property.
- Authorize Stiffler McGraw & Associates to design the Watts Road Stormwater project. This project is to be funded with the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan). Authorize the paving program as presented
- Authorize the tractor & mower purchases
- Authorize the purchase (order) of two trucks to be delivered in 2023
- Authorize the purchase of the compost site fob system through Park Security
- Authorize the purchase of radios as listed in the ComPros quote
- Authorize the Wallover Architect Proposal to complete the pool feasibility study
- Authorize an architect to design a restroom to be located at the Bells Gap Trailhead. (Funded through CDBG CARES Program).

There was a motion to approve these items made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting uncollectible Per Capita for the period of 2021-2022 in the amount of \$7,045 was made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 vote.

There was a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Co-Stars Salt Contract maintaining the 600 ton quantity used in the previous year by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Smith to Authorize another 5 year Agility Agreement with PennDot. PennDot paints the lines on our roadways and in exchange we mow the right of ways on state roads within Antis Township. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Due to the Darlene Creek house fire there was \$25,000 held by the township in escrow to allow for the satisfactory clean-up of the house site. A site visit was performed by Code Enforcement and so a motion was made by Supervisor Kustaborder to release the funds to Darlene Creek. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Comment Period

Resident Mark Helsel addressed the board concerning his ongoing Stormwater saga. His intent was to introduce himself and to provide an update that his Engineer (Todd Beisinger) will have a new plan to submit for approval soon. He is actively trying to resolve the problem and if there are any questions for him he is available to answer them.

The meeting was the adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Submitted by: Douglas Brown