

MINUTES

Antis Township 2021 Board of Supervisors

April 7, 2022, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

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

Staff

Douglas Brown, John Frederick, and Lori Del Biondo

Visitors

Township Engineer Chris Dutrow, Township Attorney Pat Fanelli, Lance Kustaborder (Pinecroft Fire Hall), John Wagner, visitor, Jeff Farber, Antis Township Emergency Management Coordinator

The April 7, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Janet Lantz followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Period

None

Meeting Minutes

The March 3, 2022 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes were approved on the motion of Supervisor Kustabroder, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Janet Lantz – Reported that the Library’s sale of the Bellwood Borough Building was expected to be finalized on Friday (April 8th) and that the library’s used book and bake sale was one of their most successful.

Bob Smith – Reported that the Antis Township Planning Commission is going to be changing their deadline for new submissions. The previous deadline was the Thursday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The new change will push this deadline out to the Monday prior to the regularly scheduled meetings. These extra few days will allow Blair Planning Commission to have reviews completed and returned prior to our meeting thus negating conditional approvals or delaying development.

Solicitor’s Report

Pat Fanelli is working on updates to the Employee Handbook and the Paid Time Off Policy. The Personnel committee met right before this meeting and finalized the last item. He will be updated the complete handbook and sending it out within the next week for all supervisors to have time to review.

Manager's Report

Manager Douglas Brown highlighted a few items from the Manager's Report that had updates since it was sent out the previous week. Among these, was a new stormwater plan for Mark Hesel being submitted by his engineer, Todd Beisinger, The Park and Recreation Committee would be pursuing a new Park and Recreation ordinance. This was brought up by a representative from the Attorney General's office and Bellwood Chief of Police who are pursuing money from Operation Our Town to perform saturation patrols in the area this summer to help alleviate some of the growing issues there. An ordinance is needed in order to give the police officers the ability to enforce the rules and press charges for those that violate them. He also reported that the fobs for the compost site were selling well with very few/limited complaints about the new system. Supervisor Worthing noted that he had received a few comments about the limited hours on Saturdays, but once some data is collected they could be amended in the future.

Road Foreman Report

Road Foreman, Randy Showalter, gave an update on the joint watermain project with the Bellwood Authority they are helping with on East 5th Street. It is going very well, with the line expected to be installed within the next week and ready to be chlorinated. They then have to wait several days and will be going back to help hook residents up.

Code Enforcement Report

John Frederick noted that work continues on researching changes to the recycling program within Antis Township and that the containers have been moved from the compost site to the township building which has helped to keep trash and litter down substantially. He then moved onto the Irene Wertz front setback exception request. Irene lives at 1111 North Second Street and years ago had a porch on the house w/ the stoop still existing. They are requesting a setback exception from 25' to 8' in order for a small front porch to be rebuilt. Randy Showalter indicated that there would be no issues with such a setback from a road maintenance perspective and that he saw no issues. After a brief discussion regarding this Supervisor Smith made a motion to approve the setback exemption as proposed, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 vote.

John Frederick then moved onto the Brent Hopkins side setback exemption request. Mr. Hopkins currently has an excavated parking area with a retaining wall beside his house that he would like to build a two car garage with an upstairs living room on. This new addition is expected to be within two feet of the property line. After a brief discussion, with input from Township Engineer Chris Dutrow, it was decided to table the request and request that the property line be documented and marked by a professional surveyor in order to prevent their being a mistake or issue moving forward with the construction being that close to the line.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Chris Dutrow reported that he is working on reviewing a land development plan for MAG Industries, but their engineer is requesting approval of the Sewage Plan Exemption for DEP. He has no issue with this as they have obtained letters from Northern Blair Regional Sewer Authority, and the Tyrone Wastewater Treatment Plant acknowledging that they have the capacity and ability to handle the new development. A motion was made by Supervisor Worthing to approve the request, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 vote.

Planning Commission

The Cathy Learn Subdivision has been extended on several occasions and no additional progress has been made towards a revised plan for approval. Cathy Learn sent John Frederick an email requesting

to withdraw her application due to the attorney not acting in a timely manner. She does note that she will likely be submitting a modified plan as soon as a decision is made on how she will be able to move forward. Supervisor Smith made the motion to approve the withdrawal, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 vote.

Treasurer Reports

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

A motion to approve the March 2022 Bills in the amount of \$47,269.89 from the General Fund, \$2,363.26 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$10,072.24 from the State Fund, \$128.50 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund and \$32,237.42 from the American Rescue Funds was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 roll call vote.

A motion to authorize the First Quarter EIT Transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund was made by Supervisor Worthing, Seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 vote.

A motion to authorize a \$20,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Stormwater Improvement Fund was made by Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made to release the quarterly payment to the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee in the amount of \$23,880.63 was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 vote.

Supervisor Worthing made a motion to release the annual contributions in the amounts of:

1. Excelsior Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$44,000.
2. Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$33,000.
3. Bellwood-Antis Public Library in the amount of \$35,000.

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 vote. There was also a brief comment by Manager Douglas Brown that both Fire Companies have been working with the Public Safety Committee and have submitted the majority of information requested of them including up to date financials, membership information, a strategic plan, etc. that was requested prior to this meeting.

New Business

The bids for both the 2022 Antis Township Paving and Aggregate Material were advertised on March 8th and 14th of 2022. The sealed bids were then opened at 1:00 on April 12th with no bidders present.

A motion to award the Aggregate Material Bid to New Enterprise Stone and Lime, who submitted the low bid, with was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 vote.

The paving bid to Grannas Brothers at a bid of \$75,661.80 was made the motion of Brian Kustaborder seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 5-0 vote.

The Park and Recreation Committee consisting of Supervisors Lantz and Worthing worked with Manager Douglas Brown on several items including:

1. Agreement with the Blair Regional YMCA for the Management of the pool for 2022
2. Central Blair Recreation Playground Program for the summer of 2022

3. A proposal by The Door to provide a meal program in the evenings at the community park during the summer of 2022.

A motion was made by Supervisor Worthing to approve all three programs as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 vote.

The Capital Improvement Committee held a March meeting. A motion to approve the items from that meeting was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 vote. The items approved include:

1. Purchase 15 larger trees from Kline's for the compost site.
2. Replace the basketball court sunshade with a more durable one.
3. Equipment Purchases:
 - Jumping Jack- New \$2,875
 - Vibraplate- New- \$1,725
 - Road Saw- Used/Refurb -\$1,600
 - Replace (7) iPads as they become available in the marketplace

Public Comment Period

John Wagner from Reade Township was present at the meeting to raise awareness of the road conditions around several farms and along Old 6th Avenue Road near the Caracciolo Metal Yard. Mr. Wagner travels through Antis Township on his way to work and often rides his motorcycle. His chief complaint was the amount of dirt on the roads in these areas. Randy Showalter noted that these were along State Roads.

Jeff Farber, who is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Antis Township, also provided a quick update on the county programs that are restarting for local municipalities and that Blair County is also starting a commodity flow study which will take place over the next 2 years.

The meeting was the adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Submitted by: Douglas Brown