

MINUTES

Antis Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 5, 2021 Antis Township Meeting Room

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Worthing, Janet Lantz, Kenneth Hostler, Robert Smith, Steve Winterstein

VISITORS:

Brian Kustaborder, Resident; Lance Kustaborder, Pinecroft; Dave McCloskey, Excelsior; Jack McCloskey, Excelsior; Jessica Ford-Cameran, Bellwood-Antis Public Library; Ginger Patterson, CDBG Administrator; Lori Del Biondo, Township Secretary-Treasurer; John Frederick, Interim Township Manager; Chris Dutrow, Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates; Terry Harpster, The Herald

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Worthing followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments under the Public Comment Period.

Meeting Minutes

The amended July 1, 2021 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

Supervisor Lantz reported that input from the Township has been requested by the library in the Borough's request for right of first refusal should there come a time that the library either doesn't exist or chooses to no longer own the building. Supervisor Worthing responded that the matter is between the Borough and the Library.

Supervisors Smith reported that the Personnel Committee met and contacted some references for a few consultants regarding their services in filling the open Manager's position. Once the August 19th deadline passes for prospective applicants to submit to the Township, a determination will be made whether or not there is a need to move forward with a consultant.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor reported that he continues to work on the Norfolk Southern issue as it relates to the trail. He also reported that Act 65 of 2021 that amends the Sunshine Law regarding the posting of Agendas will become effective August 29.

Manager's Report

The Manager publicly acknowledged the staff's efforts in Randy Showalter's absence and in particular Don Carnell who provided oversight for the crew's daily operations.

On the motion of Supervisor Lantz seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to execute the Norfolk Southern preliminary engineering services agreement in an amount not to exceed **\$15, 814** contingent upon the Manager determining the review is necessary.

Public Library Report

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

Public Safety Report

Pinecroft & Excelsior Volunteer Fire Companies provided a report. Jack requested a notification chain of command in emergency situations.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to temporarily add a loaner pumper truck to the insurance policy until the repairs have been completed on Engine Rescue 23 as is required by the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society

Road Foreman Report

Mr. Showalter reported that the crew would be starting the Blair Street drainage project.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Frederick reported that he would like to look at a Ground Water Protection Ordinance and a Property Maintenance Code Ordinance.

Engineer's Report

Chris Dutrow reported that they are addressing verbal comments on the DEP joint permit for 2020 and will be resubmitting tomorrow.

Planning Commission Report

Supervisor Smith presented the *Hegarty-Koch Property Line Change* for property located at 169 Beechwood Drive (*Tax Parcel: 3-20-93 & 3-20-86.07*). The purpose of this property line change is to allow the land to be enrolled in the Clean & Green Program. No improvements are proposed. On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein, followed by a 4-0 voice vote with Supervisor Lantz abstaining, approval was given for the waiver request to Section 110.27 regarding the scale of plans and approval for the property line change as proposed con.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills in the amount of \$36,276.45 from the General Fund, \$18,102.69 from the Capital Reserve Fund, and \$70 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund were approved for payment, on the motion of Supervisor Lantz, seconded Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote.

New Business

On the motion of Supervisor Smith seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 yes roll call vote authorization was given to execute an agreement with the Prime Design for upgrades to the website at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to add a cell phone line for the Environmental and Code Enforcement Director.

On the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Lantz, followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to release a refund in an overpayment of real estate taxes in the amount of \$36.17 to Charles M & Mary Joane Caracciolo.

Resolution #5-2021 authorizing the Garrett Trent Small Flow Treatment Facility to be installed at the property located 2445 Grandview Road to repair an existing malfunctioning sewage system was adopted on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein, followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Resolution #6-2021 adding Supervisor Lantz as a signor on the American Rescue Plan account was adopted on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Smith, followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to release \$500 as was allocated in the 2021 Budget to the Bellwood Antis Community Picnic.

Comment Period

There were no comments during the Public Comment Period.

With no further business brought before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Lori Del Biondo
Antis Township Secretary-Treasurer