

MINUTES

Antis Township 2022 Board of Supervisors

October 6, 2022, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

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

Staff

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

Visitors

Resident Joe Smyder, Resident Kaleb Garmen, Resident William Muri, Resident Susan Muri, Township Engineer Chris Dutrow and Blair County CDBG Administrator, Trina Illig

The October 6, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Janet Lantz.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Lantz attended the most recent Library meeting and reported back that the Community Tree Lighting would be held on November 21st. Also, the Library is discontinuing the 300 for 300 campaign as the new roof has been completed and that they are pursuing a \$5,000 grant.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Fanelli reported that Ordinance #3-2022 regarding the Tax Duplicate fees is ready for adoption. This was approved on the motion of Supervisors Smith, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

There is also a Resolution #10-2022 concerning changes to Act 57 that requires tax collectors to refund additional fees and costs when tax bills are not received. This is largely the result of records not being updated with new mailing addresses and those that have moved not receiving their tax bills on time. This resolution was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing and seconded by Supervisor Smith (with the added note that the Township Staff should reach out and help educate our tax collector on these changes) followed by a 4-0 vote.

Manager's Report

Manager Douglas Brown noted that he will be attending the PSATS Regional Forum on 10/25 as well as enrolling in the PSATS Municipal Government Academy Graduate Program. He also provided a quick update on the PennDOT Grant for the proposed rails to trails and that it is on their 2023 construction schedule. The compost yard will also be closed from 10/6 through 10/12 to allow for the site to be paved.

Road Foreman Report

Road Foreman, Randy Showalter, commented that the tractor that was ordered earlier this year has been delivered to the dealer and they will be installing the mower with a tentative delivery date late this month.

Code Enforcement Report

John Frederick asked if there were any specific questions regarding code enforcement, and when receiving none offered an update on the application for the most recent Recycling Grant. In order to show DEP that Antis Township continues to make strides in meeting the goals of DEP John asked for permission to work up a draft modification to the existing recycling ordinance. These changes would include the addition of required community events offering recycling (with Township provided containers), commercial cardboard recycling and a requirement for a maximum bag limit and/or scaled pricing for curbside trash pickup. The supervisors agreed that they would entertain these changes and so the staff is able to continue working on a draft ordinance update.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Chris Dutrow commented on the Watts Road Project. It was a competitive bid with the winning bidder being Straw Construction. However, we are still working with the attorney representing the resident whom we need to acquire easements from. There appears to be positive momentum for these, but until they are in hand Mr. Dutrow recommended tabling the project. Supervisor Smith made the motion to table awarding the Watts Road Culvert Replacement, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 4-0 vote.

Planning Commission

There were two items recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The first was a time extension request for the Bruno DeGol Land Development plan. The motion was made to request a time extension by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

The second item was the Stacy and Lance Kustaborder Sewage Facilities Planning Module. The Kustaborder's have proposed a subdivision, but are in need of approval for the Sewage module prior to the formal subdivision plan approval. This module has been signed by both the Planning Commission and also the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the board approved the request on the motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 4-0 vote.

Planning Commission

The September 2022 Treasurers Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion to approve the bills, in the amount of \$33,840.80 from the General Fund, \$397.25 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund, \$77,019.06 from the State Fund, \$5,746 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$4,667.50 from the C2P2 Grant for a total of \$121,670.61, was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion to approve an operating transfer in the amount of \$25,000 to the Stormwater Improvement Fund was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion to release the quarterly commitment in the amount of \$23,880.63 to the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee was made by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made to transfer 25% of the third quarter EIT to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$49,980.46 by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

New Business

A motion was made to authorize the distribution of the Volunteer Fire Relief funds in the amount of \$26,714.23 to Excelsior Fire and \$13,357.12 to Pinecroft Fire by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

Road Foreman Randy Showalter and Manager Douglas Brown have met with representatives from Logan Township regarding the plowing of Swartz Road. This is a short road that is only accessed by driving through Logan Township and causes significant inefficiencies to our snow plow routes. Logan Township has agreed to provide winter maintenance to Swartz Road in return for Antis Township providing Right of Way mowing along Nelson Road and Homers Gap Road from Grandview Road to the Antis Township line. An agility agreement was provided, reviewed by Solicitor Fanelli and a motion was made to approve by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

There was one motion to approve three related agenda items including; the Cooperative agreement between Antis Township and Blair County to administer the FY2022 CDBG Program, with 18% going to the county for Administration, Resolution #11-2022 authorizing the submission of the FY 2022 CDBG Application, and Antis Township's 3 year development plan by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made to authorize the Township Manager to hire for the open Highway Maintenance position by Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote. Interviews were held, the personnel committee was consulted and the position will be offered to Nick Boutilier at this time.

Emergency Coordinator Jeff Farber requested approval to purchase various items, including radios, reflective vests. Flashlights, and shirts for he and his deputy. This request was approved on the motion of Supervisor Worthing, seconded by Supervisor Smith followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made to hold an initial budget meeting to discuss the 2023 Township Budget on 10/18 at 6:00 by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Worthing followed by a 4-0 vote.

Supervisor Smith made the motion to schedule the community Trick or Treat for October 27th between 6:00 and 8:00 PM, this motion was seconded by Supervisor Worthing followed by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment Period

Resident Joe Smyder took a moment to thank the Township workers for continuing to clean up the compost site and improving it.

The meeting was the adjourned at 7:55 PM by Chairman Janet Lantz.

Submitted by: Douglas Brown