

MINUTES

Antis Township 2023 Board of Supervisors

October 3, 2024, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Steve Winterstein, Brian Kustaborder, George Bell, Benjamin Hornberger, Susan Kensinger

Staff

Douglas Brown, Lori DelBiondo, Shawn Wolfe

Visitors

Resident Joe Smyder, Bill Kibbler, Altoona Mirror; Township Engineer Chris Dutrow, Blair County CDBG Administrator, Trina Illig, Lance Kustaborder, PVFC, Justin Mock, Jeffery Cipriani, Hampton Inn; Chris Dutrow, Tyler Rydbom; Randy Rydbom, Linda Rydbom, Alma Stotler, PVFC; Mark Ickes, Explore Altoona; Patrick Schurr, Explore Altoona; William Muri, PVFC; John Sepp, Graystone; Carl Crider Jr.; Explore Altoona

The October 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Steve Winterstein followed by prayer and pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hornberger was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment Period

Carl Crider, Mark Ickes, Jeff Saffrin and Patrick Schurr each presented information surrounding the County's desire to decertify Explore Altoona and requested that the supervisors support the status quo. Explore Altoona is an organization that performs tourism marketing promoting the entire Blair County experience. The organization is a non-profit funded through the bed tax.

Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Supervisor Bell, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

George Bell reported that the bridge has been set on the trail over Bells Gap Run and the new playground has been installed.

Susan Kensinger reported that the library is planning a book sale on October 19 and a soup sale on election day. They are also planning activities for the kids on school in service days.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor presented the Local Limits Resolution #11-2024 establishing certain local limits for various pollutants of concern to the Public Sanitary Sewer System. On the motion of Supervisor Bell, seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-0 voice vote Resolution #11-2024 was adopted.

Manager's Report

The Manager reported that the trail is slated to be complete mid-November. He is working with the Chamber to arrange a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening.

The Manager also reported on speeding and traffic issues.

It was the consensus of the board to move forward with having the solicitor develop a resolution to change the way the tax collector's pay is calculated.

Road Foreman Report

On the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder, seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 voice vote, authorization was given to place the red ford truck for sale on Municibid.

Code Enforcement Report

Shawn Wolfe had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

The Township Engineer had nothing to report.

Planning Commission

The Manager presented the Chestney Minor Subdivision for final approval. This subdivision is for property (3-18-12 (Ingham) and 3-18-12.1 (Chestney))located SR 1016 near the Antis/logan line and the Blair/Cambria County line. The intent is to convey an area of lands from Ingham to the Chestney lands. Upon approval of the plan Lot 1 (Ingham Lands) will contain 86.709 acres and Lot 2 (Chestney lands) will contain 4.449 acres. On the motion of Supervisor Winterstein seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder final approval was given with a 4-0 voice vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Winterstein seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 voice vote a time extension was granted to extend the review period for the MSP properties Land Development.

Based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer, financial security in the amount of \$2K held for the Stere Development was approved for release on the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 voice vote.

Approval was given to add the Graystone Land Development to the Agenda on the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 voice vote

On the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 voice vote, conditional approval was given for the Graystone land development contingent upon completion of all of the outstanding items listed in the September 17, 2024 Township Engineer review letter and approval of the requested waiver to the setback requirement from 50ft. to 35 ft. so The proposal is for an office addition at 1917 East pleasant Valley Blvd. (*the former Corner Table Restaurant*). The total building footprint would be 5,029 Sq feet.

Treasurer's Report

The September 2024 Treasurers Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Bell, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion to approve the bills, in the amount of \$32,717.63 from the General Fund, \$6310 from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$285 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund was made by Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion to approve an operating transfer in the amount of \$20K to the Stormwater Improvement Fund and release our quarterly commitment in the amount of \$11,474.17 to the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee was made by Supervisor Bell, seconded by Supervisor Winterstein 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 \$118,121.32 by Supervisor Kustaborder, seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder, seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-0 voice vote authorization was given to release the following payments:

- River Valley Landscapes, Inc.
\$125,185.50-Playground Equipment
- Borough of Bellwood
\$19,727.20-Paving
- Stephenson Equipment
\$56,300 Upfit 2024 Ford 600

New Business

A motion was made to authorize the distribution of the Volunteer Fire Relief funds in the amount of \$27,058.26 to Excelsior Fire Relief Association and \$13,529.12 to Pinecroft Fire Relief Association by Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-0 vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Bell seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-0 voice vote the following items regarding the CDBG Program were approved:

- Cooperative Agreement with Blair County
- Resolution #10-2024 authorizing submission of the FY2024 CDBG Application
- Resolution #09-2024 Fair Housing Resolution
- Antis Township's Three Year Community Development Plan

On the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 4-0 voice vote authorization was given to apply for the LSA Grant.

On the motion of Supervisor Kensinger, seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 voice vote authorization was given to advertise for the solicitation of bids to construct a recycle shed.

Approval was given to release \$500 to the Clubmen's Association on the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-0 voice vote.

Action was tabled on the purchase of a copier so that we could explore the potential cost effectiveness of leasing.

Supervisor Kustaborder made the motion to schedule the community Trick or Treat for October 31th between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment Period

Tyler Rydbom of Ferndale Drive, Tipton, reported his concerns regarding speeding in the area and requested lowering the speed limit and/or the installation of traffic calming devices. Lowering the speed limit to an enforceable limit requires a traffic study and speed bumps have shown them to be ineffective.

Randy Rydbom, of Ferndale Drive, reiterates his concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the area. He also has concerns about activity noted at a nearby residence with people coming and going and multiple people living in a camper. He also reported that the Taylor property is becoming an issue again. Shawn Wolfe responded that citations have been issued.

The meeting was the adjourned at 7:58 PM by Chairman.

Submitted by
Lori DelBiondo