

MINUTES

Antis Township 2024 Board of Supervisors

November 7, 2024, Antis Township Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Steve Winterstein, Chairman; Brian Kustaborder, Supervisor, George Bell, Supervisor; Susan Kensinger, Supervisor; Benjamin Hornberger, Supervisor

Staff

Douglas Brown, Randy Showalter, Lori Del Biondo

Visitors

Resident Joe Smyder, Chris Dutrow, Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc; Amanda Mills Troop 53317; Amanda Sauter Adams, Amanda Koozer, Maria Coccia, Bill Kibbler, Altoona Mirror; Eric Stroup, Daily Herald; Mike Swayne; Dan Parsons, Resident

The November 7, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Steve Winterstein.

Public Comment Period

Girl Scout Troop 53117 presented their proposed project to construct trash receptacles for Bells Gap and on Becker road along the trail. Authorization for the project was given on the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the regular Board of Supervisor meeting of October 3, 2024 and the Budget Workshop meeting held on October 14, 2024 were approved on the motion of Supervisor Bell, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Supervisors Reports

Susan Kensinger encouraged people to attend the presentation on human trafficking to be held at the library at 6:00 PM on November 20, 2024.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor was unable to attend the meeting.

The Manager reported that the solicitor advertised the residential district ordinance. A few additional streets that meets the criteria will be added before adoption at next month's meeting.

Manager's Report

The Manager reported that a meeting was scheduled with PADOT to do the punch list for the trail. The township will add fencing along a portion of the trail to deter unauthorized vehicles.

The Manager requested an executive session.

Road Foreman Report

Randy Showalter, reported that leaf pick -up has started and there has been a temporary halt to repair a fan on the leaf vac truck.

Code Enforcement Report

The Manager reported that the issue with the Shauver Cabin will be addressed at a hearing in the coming weeks.

Engineer's Report

The engineer reported that the only outstanding item for the trail is that temporary seeding will be completed now with permanent seeding to take place next spring.

On the recommendation of the Township Engineer and on the motion of Supervisor Hornberger, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 voice vote, authorization was given to release the bond held by Penntex Group LLC in the amount of \$68,134.

Planning Commission

There were no planning items presented for board action.

Treasurers Report

The October 2024 Treasurers Report was approved on the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder, seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

A motion to approve the bills, in the amount of \$32,217.07 from the General Fund, \$1250 from the Stormwater Improvement Fund, \$6800 from the Capital Reserve Fund, was made by Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 yes vote.

Unfinished Business

The Preliminary 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets were approved on the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kustaborder followed by a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Retroactive approval was given to submit a letter of intent for the DCED fire study on the motion of Supervisor Winterstein seconded by Supervisor Bell followed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Authorization was given to submit the Local Share Grant applications by resolution for a fire truck for Excelsior Fire Department and equipment for the Township on the motion of Supervisor Kustaborder seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 4-1 voice vote with Supervisor Hornberger voting no. While he did not oppose the application for township equipment, he felt it was more appropriate for the application for the fire truck to be submitted through the borough.

On the motion of Supervisor Winterstein, seconded by Supervisor Kensinger followed by a 5-0 voice vote authorization was given to hire a seasonal highway maintenance employee.

Public Comment Period

Dan Parsons inquired as to why the financial security had to be posted for Small Flow Treatment Facilities. The Township responded that it is requirement by DEP.

The Board went to Executive session at 6:45PM and adjourned the meeting at 7:05PM on the motion by Supervisor Hornberger.

Submitted by: Lori DelBiondo