

**ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING WITH  
THE GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM SCHOOL BOARD**

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Antrim Township Municipal Building @ 10655 Antrim Church Road

A Joint Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following persons present: Antrim Township Supervisors Curtis Myers, Fred Young, III, Sam Miller, and Rick Baer; School Board (GASD) members Daniel Fisher, Howard Ritchey, Kristy Faulkner, Charles McClain, Arnold Jansen, Dr. G. William Thorne, Eric Holtzman, and Paul Politis; School District Superintendent C. Gregory Hoover; Antrim Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr.; Greencastle Area Development Corporation (GAADC) members Gary Gembe and Fred Frederick; Franklin County Commissioner Bob Ziobrowski. No citizens were in attendance.

Following introductions the Township Manager was requested to give a background presentation. His information included a history of previous joint meetings, the Greencastle-Antrim Comprehensive Plan and update, zoning districts, active economic development projects, economic development land availability prospects, infrastructure, residential development, housing density, and conservation by design ordinances.

Messrs. Gembe and Frederick were then requested and provided information on behalf of GAADC regarding their research in creating a proposed 50 acre business park at the north-east corner of the Gayman tract along Leitersburg Road. An application has been submitted for an infrastructure grant for the proposed infrastructure. The business park would have on-lot water and waste-water facilities in the beginning.

General discussions were held on the following topics:

1. Would there be a partnership interest between Antrim and GASD to fund infrastructure or engineering studies? The Phase II Grindstone Hill Road extension was discussed that MAY generate up to an estimated \$4,000,000 per year in real estate taxes to GASD. School Board members advised that a referendum is mandated on voter ballots if they exceed a certain expense level. Various construction scenarios were mentioned.
2. Fred Frederick suggested constructing a portion of Phase II Grindstone Hill Road and utilities infrastructure, from Leitersburg Road across the Wertime property and into the Gayman lands (about ½ mile). Sewer utility engineering needs to be studied regarding a possible pumping station. All expressed an interest in pursuing this approach. By unanimous consent, the Manager will contact Joe McDowell, P.E., for Martin & Martin, Inc. and request engineering and construction cost information. The Township has already researched loan / amortization options. This information will then be forwarded to Supervisors and School Board members so they may formulate an action plan. Two Supervisors stated they recently met with Harold Gayman who expressed an interest in selling sections of his land holdings.

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3. Various other topics were discussed regarding future economic development, however, no action items were authorized.
4. Supervisor Miller brought up the need to legally preserve Tayamentasachta Environmental Center since a 1965 Comprehensive Plan introduced the possibility of a road to be constructed thru the Center. The School Board will pursue this request.
5. Supervisor Young brought up the topic of Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage laws and how this inflates the costs of capital construction projects for municipalities and school districts. The School Board agreed and stated the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has this as one of their action points. Supervisors will craft a resolution for Pennsylvania municipalities and school districts to consider adopting that would recommend elimination of the prevailing wage law. This document would be forwarded to the State legislature.
6. Supervisors offered their support for drug sniffing dogs in the G-A schools. Funding for a proposed Police Resource Officer was discussed with a suggestion that the Township fund 33% of the costs. Superintendent Hoover stated the annual cost would be approximately \$40,000 and the District is researching grant opportunities.
7. Supervisors suggested some community service projects for G-A High School students that includes assisting with the construction of a future concession stand at the Antrim Township Community Park and the house numbering program at Rescue Hose Company. The Manager is to send the Superintendent a listing of possible community service programs.
8. It was suggested that the Township, School Board, Borough of Greencastle, and municipal authorities jointly meet two times annually (Spring and Fall).

The Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

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Ben Thomas, Jr.  
*Manager*