

March 11, 2008 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 11, 2008 5:00 PM

The Antrim Township Supervisors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Curtis Myers, Vice Chairman Fred Young III, Samuel Miller, Richard Baer, James Byers (ar. 5:15 PM) Charles Goetz Jr., Angela Garland, and Renee Perrin. (Manager Ben Thomas Jr., Solicitor Lisko, and Student Representative Kacie Oberholzer did not attend this meeting.)

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 4:57 PM. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was audio-taped by Antrim Township and Vice Chairman Young.

Residents of 405 Hykes Road, Fred and Barb Gayman, shared with Supervisors pictures noting a water ponding issue at their residence they believe to have been caused by the Cedarbrook Development. The Supervisors were interested in having Township Engineers Dewberry-Goodkind study this problem but will table any action until they receive the history of work already done at this site by Township Engineers and Staff.

Manager Ben Thomas, along with Roadmaster Paul Barnett, will review work previously done with regard to this concern and this subject will be placed on the March 25, 2008, regular Supervisors meeting agenda for further discussion.

Diane Smith of Angle Road noted that Roadmaster Barnett, at a previous meeting, recommended Strite Road be widened to twenty feet but when the actual Supervisors decision was made, the road width project changed to 18 feet. Ms. Smith questioned why the road improvement width was changed as she walks along this road and believes a wider road would be a safer road, and why new roads are required to be twenty-six feet.

The Supervisors explained that this change in project plans was due to costs involved as lots of fences and trees would have to be relocated from along Strite Road costing more money and creating more work, and also noting the wider the road, the faster the cars move, causing another danger for bikers and walkers. The Supervisors will research the cost savings on Strite Road when lessening the road width from twenty feet to eighteen feet and report back to her.

Zoning Officer Garland noted that twenty-six foot road widths are required when constructing new residential streets which are mainly in developments to allow for occasional parking.

Resolution #162: A Baer/Miller motion passed with four votes (Supervisor Byers had not yet arrived) to approve as written the minutes of the February 26, 2008, Supervisors regular meeting.

Resolution #163: A Baer/Young motion passed with four votes (Supervisor Byers had not yet arrived at the meeting) to approve for payment all bills as listed on the Treasurer's Reports dated February 29, 2008, and March 11, 2008.

Helen Gearhart, Representative for the Greencastle-Antrim Women's Fellowship and spokesperson for the Greencastle Antrim Ministerium, invited the Supervisors to attend the National Day of Prayer event to be held in the Greencastle Methodist Church from 11 AM to 12 Noon on Thursday, May 1, 2008, as a special prayer will be offered for all those persons in local government making important decisions on residents' behalf.

(Supervisor Byers arrived at this time - 5:15 PM.)

Resolution #164: A Myers/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a stormwater modification request to Shadow Creek Meadows Development, Phase VI, from providing an anti-seep collar for the existing basin as Township Engineer Dewberry Goodkind recommends granting this waiver on the condition that a site visit by a Township representative verifies that the existing basin embankment and outlet structure shows no signs of erosion or instability. Additionally, a note must be provided on the plan stating that if the new development causes erosion and/or instability in the existing basin embankment or outlet structure, the developer must provide the Township with the proposed measures to correct the situation, including the installation of anti-seep collars, for approval and must correct the basin deficiencies at its own expense.

Resolution #165: A Miller/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a stormwater modification request to Travel Centers of America from groundwater recharge requirement of Ordinance No. 305 of 2006 based on 126-10 (1) which states: "The Township reserves the right to waive the requirements of this section if site-specific soils testing demonstrates that suitable infiltration rates cannot be achieved." As evidenced from the on-site percolation tests, the results of which have been included in the PCSM report, the site is underlain with clay and the soil is not suitable for groundwater recharge. Due to the limited availability of appropriate locations for recharge facilities and the presence of limestone and impermeable soils, Township Engineer Dewberry Goodkind recommends the waiver of groundwater recharge for this site be granted.

Resolution #166: A Miller/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant stormwater modification requests to Antrim Commons Business Park from (1) designing storage facilities to release the one-year post development storm runoff volume over a minimum duration of twenty four hours for Basins 2 and 4. As both basins are designed to release the one-year post development storm event over an extended period and both peak outflows are non-erosive, Township Engineer Dewberry Goodkind recommends this waiver be granted; and (2) from the requirement that a two-year post development design storm runoff shall be less than or equal to the one-year pre-development design storm runoff for Stormwater Management District A since it would be impossible to control the post development 2-year event to the pre-development one-year event in an area where no work is being proposed without creating additional disturbed area per Antrim Township's Dewberry Goodkind's recommendation.

Resolution #167: A Baer/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to grant stormwater modification requests to Hollowell Brethren In Christ Church from (1) the requirement to provide 1 foot of freeboard above the 100-year high water elevation for the existing retention/infiltration basin as Township Engineer Dewberry Goodkind recommends due to the designer having improved the freeboard of this basin from none to 0.77 feet and site constraints limit further modification of this basin; and (2) the requirement to infiltrate stormwater as Township Engineer Dewberry Goodkind notes the site is underlain by limestone and site constraints prohibit the infiltration facility from being located more than 50 feet from carbonate bedrock and the foundation of the church building.

Resolution #168: A Myers/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant stormwater modification requests to Charles and Nancy Pentz from (1) making modification to the outlet structure Rip Rap Apron protection and to have the Pentz' follow the Antrim Township Engineer recommendation that the designer propose a twelve foot apron at the outlet of the basin outlet barrel with R-4 riprap and to include a detail of this apron on the plan; and (2) additionally to grant a waiver from the requirement of providing groundwater recharge and water quality volumes that would be required to the entire area now proposed as impervious for this facility as the site is underlain by limestone and Antrim Township's engineer believes that attempting to infiltrate the groundwater recharge and/or water quality volumes of the existing impervious areas in a single concentrated location would pose a threat to public health, safety and welfare.

Resolution #169: A Baer/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a stormwater modification request to Justin Hollingshead along West Weaver Road as the total impervious area for the remaining lands is 12,200 square feet and is less than the required 20,000 square feet thus meeting Antrim Township's Code of Ordinances for an exemption for a lot of this size.

Resolution #170: A Myers/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a 180-day extension request to Stone Bridge Farm along Stonebridge Road, to allow developer time to receive all approvals and address all outstanding comments.

Resolution #171: A Miller/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a 180-day extension request to Antrim Commons Business Park, Molly Pitcher Highway, to allow developer time to address various engineering issues, to obtain waivers, and to gain approval by all reviewing agencies.

Resolution #172: A Baer/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a 180-day extension request to Kell/Woodring, a subdivision plan along Hollowell Church Road and McDowell Road to allow developer time to address engineering and Antrim Township staff comments.

Resolution #173: A Young/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a 180-day extension request to The Davison Family Trust - Lot 4, along Grindstone Hill Road, to allow developer additional time to complete a preliminary hydrogeology study.

Resolution #174: A Baer/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a 180-day extension request to the Horst Subdivision/Land Development Plan, along Hollowell Church Road, to allow developer time to address revisions required by Antrim Township staff and Antrim Township Engineer.

Resolution #175: A Miller/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a driveway modification request to Darrel DeRay Gible, along Horst Road, due to the difficulty and cost to propose and provide for a new driveway across the waterway which is located near the center portion of the property. Should the ownership of this property change from family ownership to someone outside the family, the new owner shall be required to create a new driveway and this requirement shall be so noted on the plan.

Resolution #176: A Young/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to grant a stormwater modification request to Ronald E. Statler, ET.AL. Subdivision as the proposed scaled impervious area of 5,494 square feet is sufficiently close to the reported 5,600 square feet and is less than 15,000 square feet; therefore this lot is eligible to meet the Antrim Township Ordinance for an exemption.

Resolution #177: A Byers/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to approve a 1-lot subdivision plan along Statler Road for Ronald Statler ET.AL.

Resolution #178: A Byers/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to approve a single lot addition subdivision plan for Hollowell Brethren In Christ Church along Hollowell Church Road.

Resolution #179: A Miller/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to approve a land development plan for the Antrim Township Municipal Authority for a Water Plant expansion along Sherwood Drive, an expansion required to allow increased water capacity.

Resolution #180: A Miller/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to deny a sewer payment waiver request from Sarah Barnhart, owner of a home currently for sale, at 12573 Williamsport Pike, and having a home for sale does not come under the guidelines of being an allowable reason for granting a waiver from sewer payment.

Resolution #181: A Myers/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to adopt a non-building sewage facilities module for Vernon Widder along Angle Road.

Resolution #182: A Young/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to authorize the advertisement of

a hearing required for adoption of the Antrim Township Pre-Treatment Ordinance that has been approved by Environmental Protection Agency, and to schedule this hearing, if possible, for the Supervisors regular meeting of March 25, 2008.

Utilities Director Charles Goetz made the announcement that the Antrim Township Wastewater Laboratory has received accreditation status from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This accomplishment was attained by the combined efforts of Utilities Superintendent Larson Wenger, Sewage Plant Operator Lynn Shatzer, and Lab Tech Kara Fauver.

The Supervisors discussed setting a meeting date for the Joint Meeting between the Antrim Township Supervisors and Greencastle Borough Council but were unable to come up with dates; thus when agreed-upon dates are available, these dates will be e-mailed to the township to forward to the Borough Council.

Resolution #183: A Young/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to authorize the planting of a tree by the Greencastle High School, Class of 1950, per the correspondence request dated February 13, 2008, following the recommendation of the Antrim Township Park Committee's action taken at their meeting on February 20th, that "the tree planted shall be a London Plane tree planted in the area south east of 'Rotary Grove' and the group shall obtain the tree from a professional nursery of their choice that would provide a replacement guarantee on the tree should the tree not survive."

The Supervisors reviewed the Capital Region Council of Governments correspondence regarding the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Challenge of January, 2008. The Supervisors wish to table further discussion and any action on this legal challenge participation, with Supervisor Byers and Utilities Director Charles Goetz stating their position in not joining this activity.

Resolution #184: A Baer/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to authorize Roadmaster Paul Barnett write a letter to PennDOT requesting a traffic study be done along ClayHill Road as to whether a "Blind Driveway" sign is warranted as requested by Verdeen Beaver, a member of the Clay Hill Sunday School and Church.

Utilities Director Goetz confirmed with the Antrim Township Supervisors that they did indeed receive a corrected Page 4 of their 2008 Budget Booklet that corrects a typographical error. The Supervisors concurred they have received this correction.

Resolution #185: A Miller/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to grant Administrative Clerk Joyce Nowell her family leave request as submitted that will assist her in supporting her mother with on-going medical concerns.

Resolution #186: A Miller/Young motion passed with unanimous vote to grant Lab Tech Kara Fauver six weeks of Family Leave as allowed for in the Employee Personnel Handbook due to the birth of her child. These six weeks would follow the six weeks for natural childbirth disability or the eight weeks should she require a Caesarean section birth and this request comes with the support of both the Utilities Director and Utilities Superintendent.

Utilities Director Charles Goetz announced correspondence was received on March 10, 2008, from PennDOT authorizing federal funds have been approved for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Improvements project and directed Antrim Township to advertise for bids for this project.

The Supervisors discussion topics of Transportation Impact Fees and the I-81 Emergency Access were tabled at their direction.

An Ordinance worksession was set for Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 5 PM and will be advertised accordingly.

Supervisor Sam Miller asked the Supervisors what topics they wish to discuss with the Greencastle-Antrim School District, with the answer being economic development.

Supervisor Miller asked that information gathered by Manager Thomas on meal allowances shall be distributed by way of the Supervisors' boxes.

A request from a Shady Grove resident wishing to have a sign posted on the east and west sides of Route 16 in that village restraining the use of truck engine brake retarder devices was discussed with review given to the comments received from Solicitor Lisko on this subject. The Supervisors authorized Manager Thomas write a letter to the requesting resident noting that communities cannot prohibit the use of these brakes due to safety, health and welfare of the community.

All agenda items being addressed, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary