

December 29, 2010 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

December 29, 2010 11:00 a.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Rick Baer, Supervisors Fred Young III, Sam Miller and James Byers and Tom Davis, Public Works Director. Brad Graham, Township Administrator and Vice Chairman Curtis Myers were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Baer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Baer called for Public Comment.

Brenda McQuait addressed the Supervisors regarding the Norfolk Southern air quality issues. Mrs. McQuait contacted DEP and they stated they have received a draft report from Norfolk Southern and they are showing less than 1% pollution will be generated by their project so there are no air quality issues as far as DEP is concerned. However, Mrs. McQuait thinks there are some items that we can request from Norfolk Southern:

1. Request trees to be planted.
2. Enforce the Non-Idling Law of 2008 – businesses can post signs based on Act 124 – PA Bureau of Air Quality and fines can be imposed on businesses for not enforcing this.
3. Reduce or omit public leaf burning – major contributor to air pollution
4. Request a Quiet Zone from Norfolk Southern so horns do not blow at certain intersections.

Supervisor Miller responded to Mrs. McQuait and said he talked with Roger Bennett from Norfolk Southern and the \$40 - \$45M that will be received over the next few years is strictly for the intermodal construction. Miller also stated that he asked Mr. Bennett about the Williamsport Pike and Hykes Road intersection and Mr. Bennett replied that he is going to go back to his Government Affairs department and ask for more money because they are willing to try and make this a safe intersection. Miller also stated that Mr. Bennett said they would check into putting more trees on the east side. Miller also commented that information was submitted to this office from Norfolk Southern and that he asked Mr. Bennett to have a meeting with the residents to address their concerns.

Jim Winslow addressed the Supervisors regarding the Norfolk Southern project and asked how residents can get more information on the environmental and overall impact of the project. Supervisor Miller responded that the fire company was present at the meeting with Norfolk Southern and that Norfolk Southern has agreed to have a meeting with the public to address their concerns.

A Young/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated December 29, 2010.

Mary Klein, Township Secretary addressed the Supervisors regarding approving the street lights rate increase that will be effective January 1, 2011 and will be billed on April 1, 2011. Ms. Klein stated that the increase was included in the preliminary budget figures for 2011.

A Young/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to approve the street lights rate increase to be effective January 1, 2011 and will be billed on April 1, 2011. The increases will be as follows: the Greenway Development will increase from \$9.50 to \$11.50 per quarter, the Woodlawn Development

will increase from \$12.50 to \$14.00 per quarter and the State Line Area will increase from \$9.50 to \$11.50 per quarter

The Supervisors reviewed the 2011 preliminary budget at this time. Robert Wertime asked what the Capital Improvement for Rescue Hose fund is and Secretary Klein replied that it is a separate fund that was established by the Township for equipment purchase requests from the Rescue Hose fire company.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to adopt the 2011 Antrim Township budget for the General Fund in the amount of \$3,302,910.00 with a zero mil rate for real estate property taxes and a slight surplus of \$347.00. This also includes adoption of the 2011 budgets for the Sewer, Capital Reserve, Landfill, Recreation Fee, State, Street Lights, Capital Improvement for Rescue Hose and Martin's Mill Bridge funds.

A Miller/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to demote Rick Baer from Interim Roadmaster back to a Supervisor.

Chairman Baer called for public comment.

Brenda McQuait addressed the Supervisors and asked them what the next step would be in regards to the Norfolk Southern issues she addressed earlier in the meeting. Supervisor Young stated that we would pass the information along to Norfolk Southern.

Robert Wertime addressed the Supervisors regarding the leaf burning issue. Mr. Wertime noted that Michelle Emmitt had brought up having a leaf pickup program for the elderly but the Borough council voted it down. He thinks the Supervisors should institute a time specific Ordinance for leaf burning and to not allow burning between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary