

February 15, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSESSION MEETING

February 15, 2011 4:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a worksession meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Sam Miller, Supervisors Fred Young III, Curtis Myers and Rick Baer; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; and Mary Klein, Township Secretary. Supervisor Curtis Myers arrived late to the meeting. Vice Chairman James Byers was absent from the meeting.

Visitors: There were none.

Chairman Miller called the worksession meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Chairman Miller called for public comment – there was none.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding updating the Township contact information with the County and he wanted to know who would be open to being on the list this year. Mr. Graham noted that last year he was first call, Rick Baer was second call and Curtis Myers was third call. It was decided that Brad would stay on the list as first call and Tom Davis, Public Works Director or Rick Baer would be second or third call on the County call list.

Administrator Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding the complaint paperwork that was drawn up to file suit against the State Line Motel for non-payment of a sewer bill. Mr. Graham would like authorization to sign the paperwork so it can be filed.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers had not yet arrived and Byers was absent) to authorize Brad Graham, Township Administrator to sign the complaint paperwork to file suit against the State Line Motel for non-payment of a sewer bill.

The Supervisors addressed road priorities at this time. Chairman Miller addressed the Supervisors regarding the meeting last Tuesday with Norfolk Southern where he asked the NS representatives why they didn't feel like they wanted to fund the Williamsport Pike/Hykes Road intersection when Roger Bennett from NS said it was never negotiated. Miller added that with the high density zoning that is being proposed on Hykes Road and the fact that we have failing intersections at Greenmount Road & Mason Dixon Road, Hykes Road & Williamsport Pike and Williamsport Pike & Rt. 11, he is concerned about getting funds from Norfolk Southern to address these issues. Miller stated he spoke to NS representatives after the regular Board meeting last Tuesday and told them he would be willing to give them the money that was negotiated in their agreement back to them and have Norfolk Southern fix the intersection. Miller noted that NS has lobbyists in DC to try and get us funding. Miller also thinks that NS could fix the intersection cheaper than we could. Miller stated that we have a duty to our citizens for health, welfare and safety. Miller also said that NS asked for an estimate on how much it would cost to fix the intersection. Administrator Graham said it would cost \$3,500.00 for the Township to get an estimate of the cost of construction. The Supervisors were not in favor of spending \$3,500.00 for the estimate. Supervisor Young mentioned that when we negotiated the funds from Norfolk Southern, we didn't want to maintain the bridge and talked about what other improvements we were going to need to do such as re-doing Hykes Road. Young added that we also discussed the Williamsport Pike & Hykes Road intersection but we didn't give them any numbers and the agreement we signed with NS does not

outline what we can spend the money on. Miller added that at the time we were under the impression that the Williamsport Pike & Hykes Road intersection was a Penn-Dot intersection. Young added that we were just jotting down numbers and we were trying to make a case to NS for asking for more money. Miller noted that Penn-Dot put this back on the Township and he thinks we need to proceed through our chain of command to get funding with support from NS lobbyists. Young noted that the money from NS is not restricted. Miller stated that the agreement we made with NS is a PUC agreement and if someone gets hurt, the Township could be sued. Young stated that Eric Madden from Penn-Dot specifically said he will not fund that intersection. Young also said he never told NS that they would be required to spend any money in the Township. Miller thinks we need to look at all the bad intersections in the Township and we need to plan ahead. Young stated that he is not in favor of giving the money back to Norfolk Southern. Supervisor Baer stated that when this went to the Rural Planning Office and Penn-Dot they said they were not going to contribute to this intersection. Administrator Graham added that since our intersecting road is causing the problem and it involves a Penn-Dot road, then the Township must have it engineered first and then take it to the RPO for consideration. Graham discussed the funding requests we have already done with sending a letter to Tom Corbett, requests to Penn-Dot, Todd Rock and Rich Alloway. Graham also mentioned a conversation he had with U.S. Senator Toomey's office and they mentioned trying to get support from the County Commissioners. The Supervisors and Graham compiled a list of what avenues have already been explored for funding:

1. Norfolk Southern
2. Rural Planning Office & Rep from Penn-Dot
3. Todd Rock – brought Penn-Dot into it
4. Todd Rock & Rich Alloway – there is no money in the State budget
5. Letter to Tom Corbett

Chairman Miller stated that he will not give up until all avenues have been exhausted.

Supervisor Myers arrived at this time – 5:04 p.m.

Young thinks that we are sending a message that we won't take "no" for an answer and reiterated that he is not in favor of giving the money back to Norfolk Southern. Young thinks there are some other options we could explore to make the intersection safer such as asking Penn-Dot to re-paint the road for the markings that have worn away and possibly explore making Hoffman Road a one-way road. Young is not in favor of asking Penn-Dot to fund that intersection anymore. Supervisor Baer brought up the idea that if we re-do Hykes Road then maybe we could pursue bringing the road out at a different spot onto Williamsport Pike. Baer mentioned maybe bringing it out onto Countryside Drive and bringing Hykes Road across fields that would connect to Countryside Drive. The Supervisors were in favor of exploring this option further.

Supervisor Young also addressed the Exit 3 project and thinks we need to talk to the powers that be and find out how Penn-Dot is going to re-do the bridge so that it could accommodate the loop for a southbound ramp. Administrator Graham stated he will be meeting on Thursday with ATAPCO and Penn-Dot and the southbound ramp will be discussed with the RPO.

Chairman Miller stated he thinks we need to do an official road map but he does not want it to show the Bypass Road going through Tayamentasachta (the school farm). Administrator Graham mentioned that Martin & Martin has already done a base map. The Supervisors recapped the results of tonight's meeting and what direction Administrator Graham should take going forward:

1. Talk to the engineer about relocating Hykes Road
2. Seek assistance with the Exit 3 project
3. Ask Norfolk Southern to assist us with funding
4. Set up a public meeting that will be advertised to discuss the Exit 3 project
5. Review the official road map
6. No longer pursuing the Williamsport Pike & Hykes Road intersection and look at re-routing Hykes Road

Supervisor Young addressed the rest of the Supervisors regarding recycling. Young stated he received a request from a business owner who would like to accept computers to recycle them and wants to know if we would put up a sign at the Township's Recycling Center telling people where to take their computers to recycle them. The business owner stated that he would pay for the sign. Chairman Miller thinks the Township could pay for the sign but Young thinks we need to let the business owner pay for the sign so that if we receive other requests from businesses to put up a sign then they would be told they had to pay for their own sign. The Supervisors were okay with the business owner putting up a sign at the Recycling Center about where to recycle computers. Young also thinks we need to talk to our current Recycling Attendant and make sure he is watching to make sure the items being brought to the Recycling Center are actually recyclable items.

A Baer/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the worksession meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary