

# **May 17, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **WORKSESSION MEETING**

**May 17, 2011 4:00 p.m.**

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a worksession meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Sam Miller, Vice Chairman James Byers, Supervisors Fred Young III, Curtis Myers and Rick Baer; Brad Graham, Township Administrator and Mary Klein, Township Secretary. Supervisor Fred Young III arrived late to the meeting.

Visitors: There were none.

Chairman Miller called the worksession meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Chairman Miller called for public comment. There was none.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator gave the Supervisors an update on Hykes Road and stated that he met with Chad Decker from Dewberry who sent a documents with what the tasks would be to re-do the road. Mr. Graham said Mr. Decker said we can do one of two things, have a budget and stay within the budget or have a scope of work and do the project no matter what the cost will be. Mr. Graham reviewed the list of tasks that would include surveys, public involvement, environmental assessments, permits, hydrologic, pavement design, drainage design and a list of other items. Mr. Graham noted that if we address drainage and stormwater issues on Hykes Road then that would throw us into a whole other level of design. Mr. Graham noted that some of this design work has already been done in the past but the engineers would have to pick up and start from there. Mr. Graham also stated that the Township would be responsible for the stormwater at the road and the water going into the stream.

Supervisor Young arrived at this time – 4:07 p.m.

Vice Chairman Byers stated that we are not creating any new run-off. Mr. Graham responded that we can overlay the road without doing any stormwater improvements. Chairman Miller responded that we definitely want to widen the road. Vice Chairman Byers stated we will have to guide the water and put in curbing. Supervisor Myers added that we should do curbs and gutters. Administrator Graham added that we can replace existing drain tiles but if we widen the road then we will have to do permits. Chairman Miller said that maybe we could do a stormwater retention pond. Vice Chairman Byers said if we are going to widen the road then maybe we could just do the stormwater on the first part of the road. Administrator Graham stated if we don't widen the road then we are not increasing the impervious surface so we wouldn't have to do any stormwater improvements. Chairman Miller asked how wide the bridge would be that Norfolk Southern is installing. Administrator Graham thought the lanes would be 20 feet wide. Chairman Miller stated that he thinks we need to at least make it 24 – 26' wide since it is going to be the main collector road. Supervisor Young said he thinks our road guys need to find out how wide the road actually is and he mentioned about possibly buying the Gayman property and putting in a stormwater retention pond here, if it would help correct the existing drainage issues in that area. It was mentioned that if we improve the road but don't do other improvements then we could be opening the Township up to liability. Chairman Miller wanted to know from the Supervisors how wide we should make the road. The Supervisors all agreed that we need to find out how wide the road

is now. Supervisor Baer made a phone call to Road Foreman Willy Trostle at this time to find out the current width of Hykes Road. Mr. Graham added that any earth disturbance over an acre would require permitting. Supervisor Baer said that Mr. Trostle said the road is currently 18 – 20' wide the whole length of Hykes Road and he thinks if we make it 22 feet wide then it would be okay. Chairman Miller said he thinks we should make it at least 24' wide. The Supervisors asked Administrator Graham what the potential costs would be and he responded that the project could cost approximately \$2M and the engineering could be \$200,000.00. Chairman Miller added that the quarter mile of road that the railroad is doing we wouldn't be responsible for and if we reclaim the whole road then 24 feet is not too wide. Supervisor Young added that maybe we need to think about Greenmount Road also and this may alter what we want to do with Hykes Road since there is going to be Industrial development on Greenmount Road. Supervisor Baer suggested bringing Greenmount Road out on a 90 degree angle. Administrator Graham asked if the Supervisors want to proceed with doing Hykes Road and all the stormwater improvements. Supervisor Baer responded that he doesn't think we are responsible to do all the stormwater, only the run-off from the road. Baer asked what width they want to make Hykes Road. Baer asked if they want to make it 22' and fix the stormwater issues we can. Vice Chairman Byers and Chairman Miller both responded that they think we need to make it at least 24' wide and the rest of the Supervisors agreed with this width. Administrator Graham asked if there was a dollar threshold for the project. Supervisor Myers responded that he thinks we need to limit it to \$3M. Vice Chairman Byers said he thinks once you get past Sherwood then you will have enough fall. It was asked how wide Hykes Road is going to be approaching the bridge. Administrator Graham went to get the Norfolk Southern drawings to get this information. Mr. Graham responded that the cartway is 20' across the bridge and 10' per lane. Supervisor Young asked the Supervisors if we weren't doing anything to the road then what do we want to fix out there. Chairman Miller said he thinks we all should go out there and see for ourselves what we would like to do. The Supervisors all decided that we should go out there now and do some road measurements and assess the other improvements that should be made.

During the worksession at approximately 5:05 p.m. an impromptu "field trip" was conducted. The five Supervisors, Administrator Graham and Rachel Bryson, reporter for the Record Herald all proceeded out to Hykes Road. The first stop was at the base of the hill, just west of the I-81 bridge. A measurement of the road width was performed and there was general discussion about the drainage in that area. The measurement of the road at this point was 20 feet wide. The western portion of Sherwood Drive was the next stop. Another measurement of the road width was taken and again the width was measured at 20 feet. It was observed that the properties on the south side of the road sit lower than the road surface while the properties on the north side are at basically the same level as the road surface. There was also discussion that the road elevations appear to drop as you head west from this point. A brief stop on Hykes Road near Camden Drive resulted in discussion about the flow of stormwater in the ditch along the road. Heavy rains started at this point. The remainder of the tour included driving down Greenmount Road, noting the intersection at Mason-Dixon and discussing possible relocation of this to eliminate a poor visibility situation.

Upon returning to the Township Building at 6:27 p.m. the Supervisors reconvened the meeting and expressed their desire to continue with the planning for the project, hopefully widening the road to 24 feet and avoiding as much of the proposed engineering as possible.

With all agenda items being addressed, the worksession meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary