

October 11, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Sam Miller, Vice Chairman James Byers, Supervisors, Curtis Myers and Fred Young III. Others attending the meeting included, Brad Graham, Township Administrator and Solicitor John Lisko. Supervisor Rick Baer, Sylvia House, Zoning Officer and Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See the attached list.

The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Miller called for Public Comment.

Terry Whitmore addressed the Supervisors regarding the bid process and stated he wants to file a grievance. He stated that they started at \$157K and you paid over \$200K. He also noted that he is involved with CRG (Citizens for Responsible Government) and he is going to be watching things and attending meetings.

A Young/Myers motion passed 3-1-0 (Miller abstained & Baer was absent) to approve as written the regular meeting minutes from September 27, 2011.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated October 11, 2011.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve a final plan for Vernon and Jean George, a 1 lot residential subdivision on Antrim Church Road.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the 2012 budget discussion. Mr. Graham asked the Supervisors if they had any specific items they would want to see in the budget. Supervisor Young stated that he would like to see the Shared Use Trail completed to Shanks Church Road thru Melrose Meadows. Vice Chairman Byers mentioned Hollowell Church Road and he knows that the State owns part of this road but he wants to see our part match theirs. Mr. Graham mentioned that the Hykes Road Bridge is not on schedule and with the Hykes Road repairs we need to replace the sewer lines also. Vice Chairman Byers said he thinks there are some maintenance items that have fallen behind that we need to catch up on next year such as tree trimming, grading and drainage issues. There was a discussion about the Norfolk Southern project and Mr. Graham noted that Norfolk Southern engineers are monitoring the bridge construction and Dewberry will be monitoring the reports. Vice Chairman Byers said he thinks we need to have someone there to inspect every day. The Supervisors directed Mr. Graham to check with Dewberry about performing daily inspections of the bridge construction. There was a discussion at this time regarding the Building Committee and Vice Chairman Byers stated he wants to see this building hooked to sewer before we do any renovations.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding the letter that was sent by the Planning Commission to the Supervisors expressing opposition to the closure of Patton Bridge Road. Attorney Mr. Tom Steiger stated he had a meeting outside with his clients the Meyers, the Yaukeys and their attorney to discuss the situation. He stated that it's important to the Meyers that they have public road

access and they would like to see the road stay public and maybe a gate could be installed somehow but the road could stay a public road. Solicitor Lisko stated that if we use a gate and don't close the road then he's afraid we would get sued. Mr. Steiger stated that the Township could have a key and if someone with a legitimate reason would need to be down there then we could provide them with the key. Solicitor Lisko said if we are going to do that then maybe we should just close the road. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Steiger why his clients are so concerned about the road being closed. Mr. Steiger stated that if the landowner would ever want to subdivide the property then they want it to have public road access. Chairman Miller asked if we could give them a deeded 50 foot Right-of-Way connecting to the public road and then close the road because of hazardous conditions. Solicitor Lisko said he will research the gate issue and see if it's legal to do with a public road. Someone asked if we could close the road for weight limits and Solicitor Lisko responded that we can only have weight limits on roads with truck traffic. Mr. Graham asked if a turn around would be created are the property owners okay with sacrificing some of their property for this turn around. Mrs. Yaukey and Mr. Powell both responded that they are okay with this.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding concerns resulting from the recent storms. Mr. Graham stated that nearly all of the road issues have been done but Grant Shook Road and Willowdale Road still need to be repaired. The repairs are emergency repairs so we won't go out for bid but we will get competitive quotes. Mr. Graham also mentioned resident damages and any potential FEMA funds and those funds will probably not be coming from FEMA for our residents.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding a change order request from Fayetteville Contractors in the amount of \$2,600.00 for removal of materials.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve and sign the change order for Fayetteville Contractors in the amount of \$2,600.00 for removal of materials.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding some Park Committee recommendations. The first recommendation was to use the money being donated by Ad Fulton for fencing around the proposed horseshoe courts. Supervisor Young thinks we should run this by Mr. Fulton to make sure he is okay with the money being used for this purpose and then he thinks we need to put a plaque on the fence recognizing the donation. The second recommendation was to do another 18-hole course for the 717 Disc Golf Club for beginners and recreational use. It was recommended to do 9 holes to start with. Mr. Graham stated that he thinks the cost is \$300 per basket and that the 717 Disc Golf Club would do the installation. The Supervisors said we would talk about this more during the budget discussions. The last recommendation was for Bob Kline, Andy Barbuzanes and Brian Cordell have offered to improve the existing bike trails and to add a few more for the purpose of promoting mountain biking at the park. They would like to mark and indicate the trails. The Supervisors were all okay with them doing this.

Eric Witmer addressed the Supervisors regarding the Eagle Scout project he is doing at the park. He indicated that he had contacted Lumber Direct and they cannot donate anything to him for the project. He also checked with Lowes and Home Depot and they could only donate \$50 - \$75 but they could not do the cutting of the boards. He would like a check to be cut to his boy scout Troop #99 for the amount the Supervisors said they would donate to him if he could not raise the funds on his own.

A Myers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to donate \$350.00 to Troop 99 for Eric Witmer for the Eagle Scout project he is doing at the Antrim Township Community Park.

Mary Klein, Township Secretary addressed the Supervisors and stated she would be cutting a check to Troop 99 after the meeting tonight and would like one of the Supervisors to stay after to sign it since Eric Witmer needed the money right away so he could start his project. The Supervisors were okay with Ms. Klein cutting the check after the meeting.

Secretary Klein also addressed the Supervisors regarding the Health Plan documents and potential changes for part-time employees. Ms. Klein stated that our current Personnel Policy states that part-time employees are eligible to participate in the Township's health insurance plan if they work 20-39 hours per week and the Township would pay for 50% of the benefits and if they work less than 20 hours per week then the employee could participate but they would have to pay for 100% of the premium. Ms. Klein stated that this is in the Personnel Policy but it's not reflected in our health insurance plan documents. She also stated that no part-time employee has ever inquired about the benefit and none of them are currently enrolled in the health plan. She would like the Supervisors to either say that part-time employees are eligible to participate and then we would need to change our health plan documents or to take this out of the current Personnel Policy. The Supervisors asked Ms. Klein what she recommends and she said she thinks we should just change the Personnel Policy since she has never had anyone inquire about this benefit and then we wouldn't have to make any changes to the plan documents.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to not allow part-time employees to participate in the health insurance plan and change this section of the current Personnel Policy.

Secretary Klein also addressed the Supervisors regarding the appointed officials that will be up for reappointment next year. She would like authorization to send letters to those individuals who are up for reappointment and to do a news release asking for letters of interest from any residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards. She noted that the following individuals that are up for reappointment next year are Larry Eberly for the Planning Commission, Bob Coladonato for the Municipal Authority, Ronald Cordell for the Zoning Hearing Board and Mike Montedoro for the Park Committee.

A Young/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to authorize Mary Klein, Township Secretary to send letters to the existing re-appointees and authorization to do a news release asking for letters of interest from any residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards.

Chairman Miller addressed the rest of the Supervisors about the landfill study that Carl worked with Brinjac on (sic. This is actually the transmissivity report that Brinjac prepared) and he thinks that since the taxpayers paid for it that we should have Brinjac come to a meeting and give a presentation of the report. Supervisor Myers said he also has some questions for Brinjac about their annual report. Mr. Graham said he will contact Brinjac and invite them to a future meeting.

Chairman Miller also addressed the rest of the Supervisors regarding the ATAPCO bonding. Solicitor Lisko said it just went back to them and it's ready to go. Chairman Miller asked what we are doing by taking the dedication of these roads. He asked why we are taking the whole development and why we couldn't take just the section to satisfy Food Lion for a piece of Antrim Commons Road. He noted that 75% build out would be the Norfolk Southern portion and Lot 9 per the e-mail that Solicitor Lisko sent to the Supervisors. Chairman Miller also added that we might be hard to fight and say the damage is construction damage if any damage occurs to the roads we are accepting. Supervisor Young said the Township taking the roads makes it more attractive to a potential tenant.

Chairman Miller called for public comment. There was none at this time.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator announced he will need a brief Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Supervisor Young announced that today the State Senate Labor and Industry came to Chambersburg to have a hearing regarding Prevailing Wage in PA. He noted that Sam Cressler and Mike Christopher testified and six senators, 3 Republicans and 3 Democrats, including Senator Alloway testified as well. Dan Pellicano, who was in the audience at tonight's meeting, also attended the hearing and said there

were 5 or 6 bills before the Senate and they only took up 3. He noted that one of the bills provides for using Occupational Employment Statistics and lowers the prevailing wage.

A Young/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

A Myers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Solicitor Lisko announced that we discussed personnel matters in the Executive Session.

A Myers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary