

# **December 28, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors**

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 28, 2011 11:00 a.m.**

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Sam Miller, Supervisors Fred Young III and Curtis Myers. Vice Chairman James Byers, Supervisor Rick Baer and Brad Graham, Township Administrator were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Miller called for Public Comment. There was none at this time.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated December 28, 2011.

A Myers/Young motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to approve a 180-day extension request for Frank Thomas, a Commercial Subdivision/Land Development Plan on Molly Pitcher Highway.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to rescind the motion to appoint Rick Baer to the Antrim Township Municipal Authority and apologize to the ATMA and the residents for the oversight in making this appointment prematurely.

A Myers/Young motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to approve the 2012 Antrim Township budget for the General Fund in the amount of \$2,471,547.00 with a zero mil rate for real estate property taxes and a deficit of \$144,330.00 that will come from reserves. This also includes adoption of the 2012 budgets for the Sewer, Capital Reserve, Landfill, Recreation Fee, State, Street Lights, Capital Improvement for Rescue Hose and Martin's Mill Bridge funds.

Chairman Miller called for Public Comment. There was none.

Supervisor Young handed out a paper to each of the Supervisors to look at regarding the agreement for the Host Municipal Fees with the landfill. Young stated he has prepared a counter proposal because the landfill is trying to get rid of the out-of-state waste and they don't want to pay for the cover. Previously the landfill paid us \$1.00 per ton for the out-of-state waste but we are asking for \$.50 in our counter proposal. We are also asking them to pay more for the Fire Company and Medic II and then we could pay less out of our General Fund for contributions to them. Young noted that Montgomery Township has a 20 year agreement with the landfill and we only have a 5 year agreement. Young noted that even though the current agreement we have with the landfill will expire at the end of 2011 we can negotiate the new agreement until the end of March 2012 when they will have to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012 host fees. Young noted that doing away with the cover and the out-of-state host fees is a significant amount of money. He noted the cover is 7,500 – 9,000 tons per quarter and is almost 35K tons of garbage a year. Young noted that Solicitor John Lisko has looked over the proposal and he is okay with it. Chairman Miller said he thinks we should lock in the new agreement for 20 years. Supervisor Young said he thinks we should ask for more than 5 years but maybe not 20 years. Chairman Miller thought maybe we could put in an escalator clause if the amount of waste collected would increase over the term of the agreement. Young said he has put tiers in so they will pay more per ton as they collect more garbage and thinks we should ask for at least a 10 year agreement. It was noted that there is probably only 20-22 years left for the capacity that remains at the landfill. Supervisor Myers thinks we should do

a 10 year agreement with a 5 year review. Supervisor Young stated that if they ask for a cell expansion at the landfill then we could renegotiate and he thinks we should put this in the agreement. Supervisor Myers and Chairman Miller said they are both okay with a 10 year agreement. Supervisor Myers wanted to note that this is not a budget item and the money we receive from the landfill goes into a separate landfill fund. Supervisor Young also mentioned that we make contributions to the Drug Task Force and the Library and G-A Maxx is also asking for a contribution. He thought we could ask for \$.14 per ton that we could use for these contributions.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to approve the landfill agreement proposal as presented by Supervisor Young with a 10 year contract agreement with a 5 year mandatory review to be forwarded to Waste Management for consideration.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Byers & Baer were absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary