

October 23, 2012 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

October 23, 2012 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 23, 2012 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Fred Young, Vice Chairman Rick Baer, John Alleman, Pat Heraty, James Byers, John Lisko (Solicitor), Brad Graham (Administrator), Sylvia House (Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer) and Jennifer Becknell (Secretary).

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

Young called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and reminded the audience that our meetings are audio recorded and posted to our website.

Young made a comment to the Board that Pat Coggins wife, Irene, passed away. Young reported that a few representatives from the Township attended the funeral. When they asked Pat what could be done for his family, Mr. Coggins said to keep the prayer going at the Township meetings.

Young opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Young opened the floor to Public Comment. Hearing none, Young welcomed to our meeting a large group of uniformed Boy Scouts.

A Byers / Heraty motion passed 5-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 23, 2012.

An Alleman / Heraty / Baer motion passed 4-0-1 to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from October 9, 2012. James Byers abstained, due to being absent from last meeting.

Sylvia House offered the following as a brief history on Nottingham Meadows: The plan for Nottingham Meadows was approved with a note that stated the house had to be built by the developer, and then could be sold. That note was placed on the plan because there were a lot of stipulations such as: the home could not have a basement, testing of the foundation to make sure there were no sink holes, etc. This action was taken to protect the buyer by insuring these stipulations were done correctly. In 2011, the Township was visited by Don Kornfield, attorney representing Gene Albert, who requested that he be allowed as the developer, Creative Homes, to sell homes to whom ever they wanted, due to the economy. At that time the Board of Supervisors denied the request due to the vital stipulations. Six months latter Attorney Kornfield addressed the Board of Supervisors and said they have a builder, Interfaith Housing, that would like to purchase sites, and requested an agreement for just them. The Board of Supervisors approved this request. Tom Shank and son, Ted Shank, are now the sole owners of Nottingham Meadows and were not aware that the amendment that was granted to Nottingham Meadows was only extended to Interfaith Housing resulting in lots being sold without houses on them. House offered two viable solutions. First option would be for the Township to do a plan amendment to cover the people who have already purchased lots and we could give them land use permits. The second option would be for the Township to amend the plan to eliminate the notes that require the developer to build the house and then sell the house. House recommended the second option.

An Alleman / Heraty motion was passed 5-0 to amend the plan to eliminate the note requirement that the owner of the development has to build the homes on the lots, the remaining notes needed to be added into the deeds, and that the Chairman is authorized to sign the agreement once written.

Husam Obeid, P. Joseph Lehman Engineering, came for the second time to our Board of Supervisors meeting to readdress the salvage of wood on the Martins Mill Bridge renovation project. Obeid stated that they are saving the two trusses and the top bracing. They are removing the roof, the outside siding, deck and floor beams. The Board of Supervisors decided that they only want to save the top drive planks of the deck and the beams underneath, if they are in good condition. The Board of Supervisors will be going out to rip up a section of the deck and inspect what condition the wood is in underneath the deck before the next meeting. At the next meeting, the Board will be prepared to give direction to Obeid on what to put into his specifications concerning what boards and lengths to save.

A Baer / Heraty motion passed 5-0 granting permission for Obeid, with Lehman Engineering, to send the latest plans to PennDOT for review.

Jonathon Stough, with Kilmer Insurance Group, came out to speak to the Board about Workers' Compensation Insurance, in regards to the firefighter's portion. By January 2014, all firefighters must be off the Municipal WC policy, and moved over to a state WC policy called SWIF (State Workers Insurance Fund). Some Trust's are doing this as early as January 2013. Stough mentioned the net cost to us would be an increase of about \$7,000, but our MOD rate for our Municipal WC policy would improve most likely. SWIF was established by law to provide a quality Workers' Compensation program for Pennsylvania businesses that choose the Fund to meet their required obligation under the Workers' Compensation Act, and to contribute to the progressive stable Workers' Compensation market in Pennsylvania.

A Byers / Baer motion passed 5-0 to start the process to amend our ordinance to move our Amusement Tax to 0% as of January 2013.

Graham read a letter from Brian Barkdoll with Rescue Hose Company No. 1, requesting the release of the annual donation, sighting many large purchases the Fire Company have upcoming. The Board of Supervisors gave direction for the staff to release the budgeted \$65,000.00 to the Rescue Hose Company.

Hearing no final Public Comment, a Heraty / Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20, into the Executive Session.

An Alleman / Byers motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:44 PM, back into Regular Session.

Young announced that they discussed a Real Estate matter. No action at this time.

A Baer / Heraty motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary