

December 11, 2012 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2012 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 11, 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, John Lisko (Solicitor), Brad Graham (Administrator), Carl Rundquist (Public Works Director) and Jennifer Becknell (Secretary). James Byers was absent, and Lorraine Armstrong (Student Representative) arriving late at 7:15.

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

Young opened the floor to Public Comment. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

A Baer / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to approve the minutes from November 20, 2012 Regular Meeting.

A Heraty / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 11, 2012.

The first agenda visitor was Paul Schemel with the law firm of Dick, Stein, Schemel, Wine and Frey, LLP. Schemel asked the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Artery Rolling Hills LP, to dedicate the portion of Lindale (that connects two other sections of the same road that have already been dedicated) and Emily's Court. The reason behind this request is that Artery believes that it would create better flow within the development if all of the roadways were plowed at the same time, should it snow.

An Alleman / Baer motion passed 4-0 to accept the streets for dedication on the conditions that, 1) all the work (improvements) is completed, 2) the ATMA accepts dedication of the sewer lines, and 3) a Maintenance Bond is received. A resolution will be passed on December 18, retro-active to December 11, for these roads to be dedicated as long as the conditions have been met.

Next visitor on the agenda was Robert Johnson, requesting for a second time that the Board of Supervisors consider a burning restriction for his area of State Line, due to the small lots and closeness of the properties. Sylvia House reported that she has spoken with DEP on the matter and they cannot do anything at this time as the burners are not in any violation. Baer asked Lisko if the Township could designate certain areas as having burn restrictions. Lisko suggested the best way to approach this would be to designate based on lot size. Johnson would like to see requirements set for times to burn and the use of a screen during burns to minimize large pieces of ash drifting. After much discussion, it was decided that two people from Antrim Township would go out to visit the neighbor of Johnson in an effort to resolve this issue.

A Baer / Heraty motion passed 4-0 to approve the Manahan storm water exemption request. This single family home lot meets the criteria providing relief from storm water management as allowed for in our regulations. The ATPC and Dewberry (engineer) have both recommended granting this request.

A Heraty / Baer motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Storm Water Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Gate 7 (Armada Drive).

A Baer / Heraty motion passed 4-0 to approve the Gate 7 plan located along Armada Drive, with the conditions that follow: 1) the performance bond must be submitted, 2) Repair and Improvement fee needs to be paid, 3) receive the Sewer Facility Planning Module from DEP, 4) a couple of engineering comments are outstanding that need to be addressed, and 5) Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority would need to sign the plans.

A Heraty / Baer motion passed 4-0 to grant Trinity Lutheran Church located off of Jason Drive a 180 day extension. This extension request has been recommended to be granted by the ATPC to allow time for them to obtain geo-tech reports.

An Alleman / Heraty motion passed 4-0 to grant Donald Cordell located off of Larry Drive a 120 day extension. This extension request has been recommended to be granted by the ATPC to allow time to address staff comments and to obtain DEP approval.

A Baer / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to authorize the Manahan RFPW-NBD to be sent to DEP. This single family home with on-lot septic was given verbal favorable review from JWP.

Lee Royer, from the audience, asked that the Manahan plan be added to the agenda for approval.

A Heraty / Baer motion passed 4-0 to approve the Manahan plan, with the condition that DEP notice is received.

A Young / Baer motion passed 4-0 giving Sylvia House authorization to use her discretion in making a decision concerning Marcreek Farms. The Marcreek Farms Letter of Credit is due to expire on January 1, 2013. Pending Dewberry's review, which will be soon, House will need to proceed with one of the following options: 1) If the work is not completed, a new LOC must be received by noon on December 28, 2012; 2) If the work is partially completed, the Martin's must provide a bank check for the remaining amount, which will be determined by the engineer; 3) If the work is complete and passes inspection, the Township will release the LOC in full.

Lisko advised the Board of Supervisors of a letter from Ed Wine to the Township, which is requesting the Township to satisfy a \$5,000 mortgage between Franklin Enterprises Inc. and Antrim Township from 1972. The property was being used as a shale quarry pit. (The property is located in the vicinity of where Patton Bridge Road, Kuhn Road and Williamson Road converge). The reason for the mortgage was to make sure the land was placed back to original condition, leveled out and not leaving a sink hole, once the shale work was completed. The property is now owned by Manitowoc/Grove and is up for sale. The courthouse still shows this unsatisfied mortgage attached to the property. Lisko recommends the satisfaction of this mortgage upon inspection of the property.

A Baer / Alleman motion passed 4-0 authorizing Brad Graham to sign the mortgage satisfaction letter once the property passes inspection by Township staff.

A Heraty / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to enact the Amusement Tax and LST Ordinance, as advertised. The ordinance moves the Amusement Tax from 3% to 0%. Also, concerning the LST, the Township increases the exemption from \$5,000 to \$12,000 and changes the old term of OPT (Occupational Privilege Tax) to read LST (Local Service Tax).

Dennis Craybill, from Buchart-Horn, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the study (Shank's Church Road Area Sanitary Sewer System Study for Antrim Township Municipal Authority, Franklin County, dated October 2012) they conducted, Buchart-Horn reviewed overflow problems during heavy rainfall. They came up with many corrective options, but after review with Rundquist it was determined that there were only two viable solutions. The two options are described in the report that was provided to the Supervisors (and the ATMA). The first option involves digging up the line that runs through the subdivision and replacing the current 8 inch pipe with an 18 inch pipe. The cost estimate on

this option is 2.3 million. The second option reroutes flow around the subdivision through a farm field using the required 18 inch pipe, then reconnects further down the line, avoiding the neighborhood. The cost estimate on this option is 1.75 million.

Graham reported to the Board of Supervisors the status of the Letters of Interest for positions open on the ATMA, ATPC and Park Committee. For the ATPC (Antrim Township Planning Commission) we have received three letters of interest for two positions: Richard Walck (existing, would like to stay on for another term of four years), Dale Hostetter, and Robert Smith. For the Park Committee, we have received a letter of interest from Georgia Barvinchack. She is currently on the Committee and wishes to be appointed for another three years. At this time, we have not received any letters of interest for the one position on ATMA being vacated as of January 1, 2013.

Graham advised the Board of Supervisors that he received an email from a resident of the Township with questions concerning the posted budget and he addressed these questions at this time. RE: The Sewer budget: How does the Township plan to cover the deficit of \$ 475,710? Graham responded: The deficit will be covered by use of funds from the Sewer Reserve Fund. Our expectation is that some of the projects planned will come in under the estimates, which will reduce the effect on the Reserve fund. RE: The Sewer budget: What specific projects are planned in the \$350,000 Project Engineering category? Graham responded: As mentioned earlier this evening in an update, work is being proposed to remedy problems with the sewer line along Shank's Church Road. The amount mentioned is the estimate for the engineering plans for this project. RE: The Capital Reserve Fund (account 30-408-313), Construction Inspection, it lists "Waterline Engineering (no amounts listed) and, "Loan to ATMA" for \$75,000. Graham responded: You may recall that we wanted to be prepared to take steps to have preparations made for extending the ATMA's water system north towards Exit 3. The \$75,000 would be an amount that the Township would be willing to loan the ATMA for design of this work, however this has not been formally discussed with the ATMA yet.

Graham removed from the agenda the topic of the Enoch Brown box culvert replacement project.

Young commented that he would like to see the Echo Pilot make a retraction, to correct what he called an error in reporting on the proposed Township building renovation. The Echo Pilot paper of December 5, 2012 stated that the Supervisors were surprised by the high cost of the estimate given to them by the architectural firm Centura Assoc. Young said that the Supervisors were surprised in a good way, by the low cost of the estimate received. A formal letter to the editor of the Echo Pilot will be sent by the secretary.

Young opened the floor to Public Comment.

Kathryn Freese, 13790 Molly Pitcher Highway, addressed the Board of Supervisors with concerns about the Township building renovation project. Freese believes the land owned by the Township on Molly Pitcher should be utilized to construct a new building and not to renovate the existing one. Freese sites asbestos abatement as an issue for not renovating, also sighting that there is no room to expand at the current location.

Alleman addressed her concerns about asbestos, stating that the architect reported that he did not feel it was an issue when he did his inspection. Heraty addressed the issue about being ADA compliant. Heraty also stated that our current building has served us well for 34 years and does not feel that spending 6 million dollars (at prices quoted 4 years ago) on new construction to house 10 employees is a good use of tax payer money. To this, Young added that when he ran for the Board position he campaigned on not being in favor of building a new facility. Since elected he would not be wavering his decision on the matter, and Heraty agreed to this statement for himself.

A Heraty / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:41.

A Heraty / Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into Regular Session at 9:33.

Young announced that during Executive Session they discussed personnel matters.

There was a general discussion regarding the Host Municipal Agreement with Waste Management. (Pat Heraty excused himself and left the meeting prior to the discussion).

An Alleman / Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:52.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary