

May 28, 2013 - Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

May 28, 2013 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Fred Young (Chairman), Rick Baer, John Alleman, Sylvia House (Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer), Brad Graham (Administrator), John Lisko (Solicitor), Lorraine Armstrong (Student Representative), Mike Condo (Road Master/Park Director), Carl Rundquist (Public Works Director) and Jennifer Becknell (Secretary); *Pat Heraty (Vice Chairman)- arrived during Executive Session; James Byers-absent.*

Young arrived at 7:28, making a quorum.

Young called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. and reminded the audience that our meetings are audio recorded and posted to our website.

Young opened the meeting with prayer, which was then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Young announced that Dr. Bill Thorne, Greencastle-Antrim School Board member, had a heart attack over the weekend and asked that he be remembered in prayers for a full recovery.

Young opened the floor to Public Comment.

Nancy Crouse, 13226 Gearhart Road, came forward to discuss a traffic problem she has observed for some time at the intersection of Route 16 and Gearhart Road. Crouse, under advisement of a PennDOT representative (Bobby Bingaman) brought her concerns to the Supervisors for their review. Crouse's concern is that there isn't enough sight distance at this intersection, making it impossible for a truck (18 wheeler) and a car to enter/leave at the same time. Crouse was also concerned about the volume of 18 wheeler trucks traveling Gearhart. Mike Condo, our Road Master, stated that this isn't the first time the Township has heard about this intersection as posing a problem and that things have been done already to address the situation. Such as utility poles have been moved from this corner and a fence has been moved, all in an effort to achieve better visibility at this intersection. Young stated that the business that these trucks are servicing is a permitted/zoned business, thus the trucks are allowed to use Gearhart. Young then stated that Condo will look into the intersection matter even further for possible solutions. Crouse gave the Supervisors a copy of the petition she created for signatures of residents who are also concerned about the intersection. Crouse thanked the Supervisors for their consideration on the matter.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 to approve the bills as they appear on the Treasurer's Report dated May 28, 2013.

House tabled the Nextow Properties plan amendment, as she did not receive the signed agreement back in time for this meeting.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 to approve the final plan for Patricia Valentine, Buchanan Trail West. This is a one lot residential subdivision plan.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the increase in the Amusement License fee from \$10.00 to \$50.00.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the activation of our provision in our regulations that require a well permit, and set the well permit fees as \$35.00 for Residential and \$50.00 for Commercial.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 authorizing the bond renewal for Melrose Meadows Phase 3. The current bond in the amount of \$114,400.00 is due to expire on June 13, 2013. This bond can be renewed in the same amount. The rider shall be received no later than noon on June 12, 2013 or staff shall be authorized to call the bond.

The Supervisors tabled the Antrim Commons Lot 10 Bond release request as the Township has not heard back from our engineer (Dewberry) on the completion of work. The bond is in the amount of \$341,757 and is adequate until June 14, 2016. However, the developer has asked for a release in full due to all work being completed. The Township will wait until we receive a recommendation from Dewberry.

Due to the high number of students in the audience, Young asked for House to explain to them how bonds and letters of credit are used. House explained that when developers are working on projects within the Township, such as roads, sewer, water, stormwater, etc., they must put up financial backing known as a bond or a letter of credit at the bank. These funds are then in place for the Township to use if the developer does not complete the work or goes bankrupt. This way the tax payers of the Township do not have to foot the bill of completing the projects left undone.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 authorizing the extension of the Letter of Credit for Antrim Meadows Phase I. The current Letter of Credit in the amount of \$89,714.00 is due to expire on June 16, 2013. The extended Letter of Credit shall be received no later than Friday, June 14, 2013 or staff shall be authorized to draw on the Letter of Credit.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 authorizing the revision of the Letter of Credit for Waste Management. As per our agreement, the Letter of Credit (LOC) is increased annually by 10%. The current LOC in the amount of \$1,020,000.00 is due to expire on June 16, 2013. The revised LOC in the new amount of \$1,122,000.00 shall be received no later than June 14, 2013 or staff shall be authorized to draw on the LOC.

Lisko requested an Executive Session regarding actual litigation.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 approving the Dewatering Pilot Study for the replacement of the Sludge Press by GHD. The Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) has recommended/approved this Pilot Study to be completed. The study is to start on June 10, 2013 and will cost \$4,300.00. This study will bring in a smaller version of the model we propose to receive, then run the unit and monitor how it performs in relative proportions.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the purchase of the fence for the Dog Park from *Long Fence*, at the cost of \$18,675.00.

Young announced that the culprits of the storm grate thefts in our Township have been identified and charges will be brought against them.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 giving the Administrator the direction to proceed with using Bucharth-Horn Engineers for the preparation of our application for a PennWorks Grant, at the cost of \$15,000, not to exceed \$17,500.00, and to sign any necessary agreements to such. Graham advised the Supervisors that the grant applications are due June 28, 2013. Graham began the discussion of applying for the PennWorks Grant by stating this is due to the two projects we need to complete. These projects are as follows: The correction of flow restrictions at Shank's Church Road and the replacement of the sludge press. These two projects have a combined estimated cost of \$3 million. Rundquist reviewed

how the costs of the projects could be reflected in the sewer rates to our customers, also stating that the last rate increase was in 2005. Young wants the staff to communicate to the ATMA what direction the Township is taking.

Graham also called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 3-0 to approve the official Township Proclamations for two Eagle Scouts: Raeven Cogan and Caleb Martin.

Baer announced that the flag and rope at Martins Mill Bridge Park has been replaced after vandals cut the previous rope and removed the flag.

Young called for final Public Comment. Bob Coladonato asked that a report summary on delinquent sewer accounts be provided before the Supervisors make a decision to raise the sewer rates.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

Vice Chairman Heraty arrived during the Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session back into the Regular Session at 8:56 PM.

Young announced that ongoing litigation and personnel matters were discussed during the Executive Session.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 4-0 amending their motion from May 14, 2013 by authorizing Solicitor Lisko to discontinue our lawsuit if the Crowns sign a release and agree to discontinue their lawsuit.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 amending our Medical Reimbursement Section of our Township Personnel Manual with the language of adding more Qualifying Reimbursable Medical Expenses to include the payment of Co-pays of prescriptions and medical expenses, Chiropractors and Physical Therapy, effective May 28, 2013 and will not included charges incurred prior to May 28, 2013.

Alleman passed along to the other Supervisors a suggestion from a resident asking that we offer a recycling center day during the week. Young also addressed the problem that the Saturday volunteer attendant has been faced with trash sitting outside the gate when he comes to open. After discussion, it was decided that Graham post a sign listing the hours for Mountain View Reclamation with their address and that we have camera surveillance.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary