

July 28, 2015 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

July 28, 2015 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice Chairman; Pat Heraty. Also attending were: John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; Jennifer Becknell, Secretary; Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director.

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded and posted to the Township website.

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

Alleman stated that an Executive Session was held just prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Alleman called for Public Comment.

Melissa Ball, daughter of the Gayman family who live at 405 Hykes Road, addressed the Board of Supervisors about a continued topic from the previous meeting concerning “backyard chickens”. Ms. Ball asked the Supervisors to confirm the zoning district for the Sherwood Subdivision. The Supervisors stated that this development is zoned as R2, which is medium density residential. Ms. Ball read a prepared statement. Ms. Ball went on to state that she believes there should be an ordinance that protects the rights of residents against such nuisances and that a permit should be obtained for housing livestock and poultry on residential property with regulations to follow. Each Supervisor stated that though they sympathize with the situation at hand, they do not believe in big government and are not in favor of regulating personal responsibility and civil discourse between neighbors on a property dispute.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the minutes from the July 14, 2015 Regular meeting.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer’s reports dated July 28, 2015.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the modification request from Chapter 125 (Subdivision and Land Development) and 126 (Stormwater) for 8642 Molly Pitcher Highway for a 50’ x 50’ building that will go over existing compacted gravel, and pouring concrete only for pads and footers as the area to be disturbed is minimal.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 3-0 granting Rolling Hills Phase 4 & 8 a 90 day extension request to allow time to obtain financial security.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 3-0 approving the reduction of financial security to Chloe Court LLC for Towns on Hykes Road. Dewberry, township engineer, inspected the site and has recommended that the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$25,591.50 be reduced by \$21,961.50 leaving \$3,630.00 to be retained for as built drawings and core borings.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 3-0 approving the full release of financial security for Grace Bible Church. All work has been completed per plan, as built drawings are acceptable and Dewberry, Township engineer, recommended a full release.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 3-0 approving the full release of financial security for Trinity Lutheran Church. All work has been completed per plan, as built drawings are acceptable and Dewberry,

Township engineer, recommended a full release.

Graham updated the Supervisors on the progress with the Notice of Violation for the tractor trailer parking at 385 Colonial Drive. Graham stated that the driver of this tractor trailer has asked if he could park further down the street away from the intersection. The Supervisors stated that there is no change in their opinion that this tractor trailer is causing a visibility problem for drivers and cannot park anywhere on Township roads.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 confirming that staff should assess "Development regulations" only when Development occurs, as defined in Chapter 125 of the Code of Antrim Township.

Rundquist gave an update on the various issues and projects currently being addressed by the Utility Department.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the Antrim Township Municipal Authority recommendation that the property at 1964 Buchanan Trail East (the Hess Medical Clinic, which has since become Bridge Insurance and Financial Security) shall have a reduction from 6 EDU's to 1EDU and also not be required to install a water meter.

Graham reviewed with the Supervisors that the Township has an open position on the Planning Commission that needs to be filled. Graham also asked the Supervisors to supply him with some names that might like to serve on the Ordinance Review Committee.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the opening of a new bank account for the express purpose of depositing the escrow funds for the Ron Gene Properties, LLC and authorizing the signing of the related resolution for the bank.

Heraty commented that the Township has very recently completed an exhausting review and update of the ordinances. Heraty stated that the Township cannot and will not make everyone happy , thus someone will come away unhappy.

Alleman commented that while he visited the Franklin County Fire Academy training week he was given a 10th anniversary medallion from the Academy. Alleman asked the Administrator to place it in the lobby display case.

Alleman asked the Administrator to relay to the Roadmaster a sight distance problem due to the corn growing too close to the road on Williamsport Pike, near the Hykes Road end.

Alleman called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, stated that he wanted to make two comments concerning backyard chickens. Smith said that in his experience he has found it quite normal for a well to test positive for e-coli. Regarding table scraps being thrown into the yard , Smith stated it has been his experience that chickens will devour table scraps, eliminating the potential for attracting vermin.

Dale Hostetter, State Line resident, commented that he has been receiving a lot of complaints about the road conditions of Park Road and East Ave. where it feeds into Reid Road. The Administrator stated that he would relay this information to the Roadmaster.

Alleman announced that an Executive Session has been called to discuss a potential litigation, with no decision to be announced afterwards.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Session, into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into to Regular Session at 8:29 p.m.

Alleman announced that potential litigation was discussed and no decisions were made.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary