

August 11, 2015 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2015 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 11, 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; and James Byers. Also attending was: John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; Jennifer Becknell, Secretary. *(Fred Young was absent.)*

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 called for Public Comment.

Connie Slye, 801 Zarger Road, addressed the Supervisors concerning the Miller and Elaine Martin proposed land development plan to start a chicken operation. Slye asked the Supervisors to consider hosting a meeting to discuss three major concerns that she feels should be addressed. The three concerns are as follows: 1) DEP has written a lengthy deficiency letter on this plan; 2) there will need to be extensive re-engineering changes that may infringe on a historical and burial site; 3) the possibility that a chicken operation of this magnitude may have a negative effect on the quality of life and property value for the surrounding area. This meeting would consist of the Martins, the surrounding residents that this chicken operation would affect, a Township Supervisor and a member of the Township Planning Commission.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 3-0-1 *(Byers abstained as he was absent from this meeting)* approving the minutes from the July 28, 2015 Regular meeting.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated August 11, 2015.

A Byers/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving the modification request from § 126-Stormwater Management, for Hickory Hollow Sawyers located on Oak Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this exemption as the area used for log storage (which was not on the original land development plan that was granted a prior exemption) produces minimal run off as rainfall soaks into the logs or the bark that has built up under the logs. The Township has received a letter from the downstream property owner, Merle and Dorothy Eby, stating they welcome any water run-off for their cropland and do not wish to give up any of their prime farmland for this stormwater management.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 granting Stonebridge Farms a two (2) year extension as requested due to the poor real estate market condition. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Byers/Baer motion passed 4-0 granting Miller and Elaine Martin (Clyde Martin) a 180 day extension as requested to allow additional time to address comments. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 granting Hickory Hollow Sawyers a 180 day extension as requested to allow additional time to address comments. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 4-0 granting Frederick & Cross a 180 day extension as requested to allow additional time for all agencies sufficient time to review the plan. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 authorizing staff to send a Notice of Violation for 12571 Williamsport Pike, which is for a swimming pool without a permit and is too close to the property line.

Lisko advised the Supervisors that he has researched and has found no reason why the Township's investing firm of Valley Forge Asset Management (VFAM) couldn't invest in securities that have a maturity date of more than five years. Lisko wanted to give VFAM an additional option for investing Township funds should the opportunity for such an investment become available and VFAM considered it an attractive investment. The Supervisors wanted confirmation that such an investment of greater than five years wouldn't affect the Township liquidity. The Supervisors tabled making a decision until the next meeting as they wanted the input from Supervisor Young, a member of the Finance Committee.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 4-0 approving workers' compensation coverage for the Rescue Hose Fire Police should they choose to cover the Off Rhodes Adventure Run hosted by Rhodes Grove Camp set for Saturday, September 12, 2015.

Graham updated the Supervisors on the Martins Mill Bridge renovation project, stating that final bridge work will be completed by the end of this week or early next week. All that will remain then is cleanup and restoration of grounds around the bridge. Graham informed the Supervisors that reimbursement of three payments from our grant money from PennDOT has been received and the process worked more efficiently than expected. Graham inquired if the Supervisors were in support of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Martins Mill Bridge. The Supervisors were in favor of a ceremony and asked that it be on a weekday in the afternoon.

Graham informed the Supervisors that he was updated by Ms. Shockey that Allison-Antrim Museum has not yet received the funds designated to be received by May 2015 as part of the erection of the communication tower by American Tower Corp. on the Norfolk Southern site.

Graham informed the Supervisors that he has received a proposal for the construction of the Township storage/wash bay building through the state construction contract (via the Keystone Purchasing Network). Graham reported that the proposal was significantly higher than expected and very likely would not be utilizing this provider.

Graham informed the Supervisors that Senator John H. Eichelberger would be hosting an Open House at the Greencastle Borough Office on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m.

Graham called for an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and stated that there would most likely be an announcement to follow.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Session, into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into to Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.

Alleman read the following prepared statement:

In recent months the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority has approved a set of guidelines entitled "Precautions for Blasting, Land Disturbance, and Water Withdrawal/Artificial Recharge Activities within Ebberts Spring Recharge Area". As we understand, this is intended to be used as a tool for developers and GAFCWA staff in addressing potential development that might affect the Authority's water resources. This document was put in place by an appointed Authority without any

input afforded to the elected officials representing the area addressed. While the Board of Supervisors is concerned for the water supply of the Authority, especially since it is the source of water for many of the Township's residents, it is also concerned about any guidelines established on development in the Township without the input of the Township Supervisors. It is from this perspective that the Board of Supervisors states that we are not in support of the Authority's guidelines as approved. We would be open to discussing these guidelines with representatives of GAF CWA or request that our Utilities Committee represent the Township.

Alleman also stated that the Supervisors are in support of the earlier request made by Connie Slye to hold a meeting with all concerned parties to discuss the proposed Martin chicken operation. Alleman stated that the two individuals that will represent the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission cannot offer dialog, but rather serving as a collector of information discussed to take back to their boards for consideration. Byers suggested a limit to the number of "concerned citizens" invited to this meeting as more people could actually be less productive. Alleman directed the Administrator and the Zoning Officer to coordinate a date and time that would work for all parties.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary