

February 9, 2016 - Board of Supervisors Minutes

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2016 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice-Chairman; Fred Young; Pat Heraty and Chad Murray. Also attending was: John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; Sylvia House, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Becknell, Secretary.

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Alleman 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. There was none.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the January 26, 2016 Regular meeting.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 4-0-1 approving the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Work Session meeting. (*Heraty abstained as he was not present at this work session.*)

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0-1 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated February 9, 2016. (*Young abstained as he did not have a chance to review report, which was delayed due to software upgrade at Township.*)

Jamie Doyle, from PFM (Public Financial Management, Inc.) Group, distributed a Financing Analysis report to the Supervisors relating to the possible refinancing of the 2011 General Obligation Note Series. This bank loan resulted from refinancing of the bonds that were issued for the construction of the sewer plant. The analysis showed how the current interest rate with Bank of America of 2.72% could be reduced to 1.85%, or better. The example given would save the Township a net savings of \$47,330.63. PFM Group will contact Bank of America to renegotiate a lower interest rate and then be in touch with the Township once a new rate is established.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 5-0 to move forward with researching the renegotiation of the 2011 General Obligation Note Series with Bank of America through PFM Group.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the Towns on Hykes Road modification request to bond individual E&S and stormwater improvements as required by their NPDES Permit prior to earth moving activities and before obtaining a land use permit. Notes will be added to the plan amendment. The Antrim Township Planning Commission (ATPC) made the recommendation to deny the original modification request and did not consider the amended request made by the developer at the ATPC meeting to bond the individual ponds as needed during construction.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 granting a 180 day plan extension request to Miller and Elaine Martin. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the extension to allow time to transition to a new engineer.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 granting a 180 day plan extension request to Frederick & Cross. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the extension to allow time to work out the details of the plan.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the final plan for John Thomas and Helen Irene Shook, lot additions on Grant Shook Road.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing the RFPW-NBD (request from planning waiver-non building declaration) for John Thomas and Helen Irene Shook be submitted to DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended sending the RFPW-NBD to DEP.

A Murray/Heraty motion passed 5-0 by Resolution (# 281) accepting dedication of remaining roads in the Cedarbrook development. The Township has received all the required documents and all inspections were passed. The Supervisors noted that the Township has created and sent an invoice to the developer of Cedarbrook for the snow plowing of the roads in Cedarbrook which took place in January 2016 during winter storm Jonas.

Graham reminded the Supervisors that Township vehicle # 21 (2006 Ford F-350 Crew Cab Pickup truck) is at auction and will be auctioned on February 16, 2016. A minimum bid was set.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving Workers Compensation coverage for Rescue Hose Fire Police and a road closure during the Operation God Bless America benefit ride set for Sunday, June 5, 2016.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the high bidder, Barron Keefer, for the rental of the Township's Route 11 property. This motion is conditional upon receiving favorable reference checks, and would default to second highest bidder if a problem arose from the reference check. Five bids were received. Mr. Keefer's high bids were as follows: \$3,520.00 for year 2016; \$3,626.00 for year 2017; and \$3,807.00 for year 2018. The property rental agreement will be for one year, with the option to extend for two additional consecutive years.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the modified Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement for Martin's Mill Bridge renovation project and authorized Chairman to sign. At the 1-12-16 Board meeting it was initially approved and signed, but the legal counsel for PennDOT made some changes and it needs to be re-signed. This agreement applies State funds to the Martin's Mill Bridge project to cover State costs that were not included in the planned expenses.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the signing of the Adoption agreement and Adopting Resolution for Security Benefit, which is the administrator of a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan in which one Township employee contributes. These forms are necessary as Security Benefit has undergone an amendment process in order to be compliant with IRS regulations.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing three (3) Eagle Scout proclamations for Troop 413, to be given at the February 27, 2016 Eagle Scout ceremony. The three Eagle Scouts are Christopher J. Bowman, Kyle J. Hengst and Timothy J. Milback.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-1 (*Young voted nay*) approving the contribution of \$250,000.00 to the Archeological Conservancy for the creation of the Ebbert's Spring historical preservation site for the benefit of the community, with the following condition placed on the deed. If this property loses its historical value or the conservancy is no longer interested in this property, the \$250,000.00 is returned to the Township and/or the property be conveyed back to the Township. Young agreed that this was a worthwhile endeavor, but felt that more time would work to the advantage of the Township. *Note: This contribution will not be due to be paid out until 2017, therefore will allow for the Township to budget this item.*

Direction was given by the Supervisors to the Township Administrator to move forward with becoming part of the steering committee for the Ebbert's Spring historical preserve site project.

Graham updated the Supervisors that the Township has submitted the proper paperwork to Franklin County for financial aid for snow storm Jonas clean-up. This reimbursement of expense incurred is dependant on whether or not Franklin County meets the minimum threshold set in order to qualify for aid.

Murray stated that he and the Administrator attended the PSATS sponsored “Boot Camp” for new Supervisors.

Young announced that he and Heraty met with two members of Borough Council last week to strengthen relations between the two entities. It was decided that both the Borough and the Township would like to resume the Intergovernmental meetings, to also include the School Board. Graham will be in contact with both the Borough and the School Board to select a possible date to meet next.

Alleman inquired about upgrading our street lights to LED and also reported a street light outage for Commerce Drive at Route 11. Graham stated that the last time he inquired about LED upgrades to Township street lights he was told there was a back log, but he would call again to check the status.

Alleman called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, a member of the Antrim Township Planning Commission, wanted to go on the record that he was the one to suggest during the 2-1-16 Planning Commission meeting that the developer of the Towns of Hykes Road break down the construction into phases and only bond what was necessary at that point of construction. Mr. Smith further stated that because staff and the ATPC attorney did not say whether breaking it down in phases was permissible, they went on to vote on the original request as a recommendation to deny.

Andy Stout, the Eastern Region Director of The Archaeological Conservancy, thanked the Supervisors for their decision to contribute towards the Ebbert’s Spring historical preserve site. Mr. Stout stated that he can now pursue the state grant since he has the Township match and would continue to look for ways to save Antrim money through this process.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary