

May 24, 2016 - Board of Supervisors - Minutes

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

May 24, 2016 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 24, 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; Sylvia House, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Brad Graham, Administrator; Jennifer Becknell, Secretary.

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Alleman reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded and posted to the Township website.

Alleman announced that just prior to the start of the meeting a brief Executive Session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

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/Murray motion passed 4-0-1 (Baer abstained) approving the minutes from the May 10, 2016 Regular meeting.

A Murray/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated May 24, 2016.

Robert Schemmerling approached the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the Thomas Shook family, asking for more time to locate a new institution to secure a new bond or letter of credit for Melrose Meadows Phase 3. The current producer of the bond, David H. Martin, does not wish to continue holding the bond. The bond is due to expire on June 10, 2016, in the amount of \$125,840.00 and is subject to the annual 10% increase. After much discussion concerning the bond for Melrose Meadows Phase 3, the Supervisors made the following motion.

A Murray/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to call the Melrose Meadows Phase 3 bond unless an acceptable agreement has been reached between the Antrim Township Finance Committee members and the Shook estate on or before June 6, 2016.

Antrim Township Zoning Officer informed the Supervisors that no action is necessary at this time on the Fayetteville Contractors bond, as the plan is still under review with DEP and it was automatically extended until June 16, 2017.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 giving direction to Township staff to not oppose the variance request (2016-02V) for 80 Mason Dixon Road while representing the Supervisors at the June 9, 2016 Public Hearing before the Antrim Township Zoning Hearing Board. The applicants would like to construct a 60 x 80-foot garage to work on their own fleet trucks and seek a variance for the lot size, setbacks,

buffer zone screening requirements for the CC Zoning District.

John Lisko informed the Supervisors that the Township has received a letter from a group called “We Petition and Lobby” citing they have the protection of the First Amendment to send information to the Supervisors and want the email addresses of the Supervisors. The letter indicates that our computer system is blocking their emails as spam. The Township has not singled this group out or intentionally blocked this group, therefore no action is required. The Supervisors advised staff to request this group to send all their information to the Township by U.S. Mail in the future.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0-1 (Heraty abstained) approving the hiring of the 2016 Summer Staff, which will be Sean Heraty and Matt Alexander.

Graham asked to defer the next agenda item regarding the hiring for the open Roadmaster/Park Director position until after an Executive Session.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the purchase of a 10 x 12 (medium size) storage shed for the Antrim Township Community Park at a cost of \$2,970.00. The Supervisors followed the suggestion from the Antrim Township Park Committee to keep this shed in the same style/model as the one already at the park. The Supervisors also requested this shed be placed on a stone pad and ordered without windows.

Graham informed the Supervisors that he and Chad Murray went out to Shinham Road to assess the possible solutions to the speeding problem being reported in this area. Mike Bowers, resident on Shinham Road, was present at the meeting and offered his first-hand account of the speeding and stated that he would like to see speed humps installed. Graham responded with reasons why speed humps were not desirable. After much discussion the Supervisors gave direction for the Road Committee and Administrator to make a recommendation on how to address the speeding issue on Shinham Road.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the roof repairs to the Township Building garage area at a cost of \$4,085.00. The garage roof was leaking along the east and west edge. Upon investigation it was found that a cap at the end of the roof metal was missing or never installed. It was also discovered that along the south edge of the garage roof a ridge cap was not fastened properly.

Baer asked to Administrator to inquire who is removing the mobile pitching mound and leaving it sitting in the grass, as it is causing the grass to die underneath.

Alleman announced that the railroad crossing on Mason Road now has a crossing signal and arm.

Alleman announced to the Supervisors the following items relating to Old Home Week (OHW): Township staff or Supervisors will be needed to help direct traffic for the Martin Mills Bridge crossing hours on August 13; have the traffic going in one direction (entering W. Weaver and exiting E. Weaver); the deadline is June 1 for having all material to the OHW office for printing in the pamphlet, such as bridge information and a map to locate the bridge.

Alleman acknowledged that there was a Boy Scout and Scout Master in the audience tonight observing the municipal government functions.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting into the Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. It was stated that there probably would be an announcement

afterwards.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Session, at 8:56 p.m.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0-1 (Baer abstained) authorizing the Administrator to make a conditional job offer to the selected Roadmaster candidate.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary