

October 11, 2016 - Board of Supervisors - Minutes

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

October 11, 2016 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Fred Young, Chad Murray and Pat Heraty. Also attending was: John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; Sylvia House, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Alexis Dougherty, Student Representative; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary. (Rick Baer was absent.)

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:07 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.

Jim Winslow, 1204 Woodland Parkway, came before the Supervisors to discuss the increase in burglaries in the State Line and surrounding areas. Winslow stated that when the State Police have been called the response time was very slow and feels there is no State Police presence in the State Line area. Winslow said this problem will worsen if it goes unchecked and inquired if the Township would be open to conducting a study to see what a Police Department would cost.

The Supervisors responded by stating the Township conducted a study on the cost for creating a Police Department back in 2006 and it showed the annual cost (then in 2006 dollars) to be between \$750,000 to 1,000,000, which translates to increasing the tax mills rate by 5 to 7 mills. The Supervisors also stated that just because an area has a Police Department, it doesn't necessarily mean the crimes go away and agree that a better solution needs to be found to combat the over-burdened State Police.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 3-0-1 (Murray abstained as he was not at this meeting) approving the minutes from the September 27, 2016 Regular meeting.

Approving the October 4, 2016 Work Session minutes was tabled as there were not enough Supervisors present from that meeting to vote.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated October 11, 2016.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request for Farmette Parcel B, JNH LLC, allowing the use of a 100' scale on their plan. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommends granting this request, as it is only a one lot subdivision (Shinham Road) and the plan shows sufficient detail.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request for Antrim Commons Business Park Lot 14, Blaise Alexander, allowing relief from §125-17(C)(3)(d), Joint and Cross Access Drives.

The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommends granting this request, as Blaise Alexander desires to have greater security on the site by less connections.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request for Wendy Scott, allowing the use of a 100' scale on this plan. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommends granting this request, as it is only a one lot subdivision (Scott Road) and the plan shows sufficient detail.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 conditionally approving the final land development plan for Antrim Commons Business Park Lot 14, Blaise Alexander, on Ebbert's Spring Court, pending the Township receiving financial security, the stamped Franklin County Conservation District plan insert and the satisfaction from GAFCWA (Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority), Dewberry (Township Engineer) and Township staff.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 acknowledging the plan withdrawal for Century Commercial Park, 4 lot commercial subdivision, Molly Pitcher Highway South.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Frederick & Cross, 1 lot subdivision and lot addition, Frederick Drive, pending a signature from the interim Borough of Greencastle Manager before recording. GAFCWA did approve the plan.

A Murray/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting a plan extension until May 10, 2017 for Matrix I-81 Logistics Center, 2 lot subdivision and Land Development, Molly Pitcher Highway South. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommends granting this extension.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Jaye and Linda Meyers Lot 7, lot addition, Buchanan Trail East.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Farmette Parcel B for JNH LLC, 1 lot subdivision, Shinham Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission made a comment to the plan regarding the distance for animal husbandry for the barns and the plan was revised per their comment.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Wesley and Annie Martin, lot addition, Prospect Avenue.

Graham asked for a possible meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the ATMA (Antrim Township Municipal Authority) to help generate action towards the ATMA becoming a stand-alone entity, which is an expressed desire of both boards. The Supervisors were very clear that it is the job of the ATMA to develop a plan on how they can become self-sustaining and suggested that now is the time during budget preparations to add in consultant fees for this project. The Supervisors also expressed that the ATMA has a wealth of knowledge they can draw on from Rodney Eberly, Shawn McFarland (Washington Township Municipal Authority) and Scott Mehok.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 approving Workers' Compensation coverage for Rescue Hose Fire Police while covering two events, which are the Mercersburg Halloween Parade and the Fulton Fall Folk Festival Parade.

Alexis Dougherty, Student Representative, gave a brief update on the Greencastle Antrim High School athletics scores and upcoming events.

Murray announced that he attended his first Greencastle Chamber of Commerce event this week since becoming the new Township representative to the Chamber.

Heraty stated that his prayers and condolences are with the Baer family as Rick's father passed last Friday. The Board affirmed his sentiments.

Alleman called for Public Comment. There were none.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting, into Executive Session, at 7:47 p.m., stating that personnel matters will be discussed with the possibility of an announcement afterwards.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, reconvening the Regular Meeting, at 8:18 p.m.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Administrator to make an offer to a Township sewer department employee, promoting that person to Public Works Director at \$63,000.00 a year, effective October 13, 2016 if employee accepts offer. This rate of pay will be effective until January 2018.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Administrator to advertise for a sewer plant operator, should the need arise pending the acceptance of offer stated above.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary