

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting

October 10, 2017

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: Chad Murray, Vice Chairman; John Alleman, Fred Young and Pat Heraty. Also attending was: John Lisko, Solicitor; Roger Nowell, Public Works Director; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Brad Graham, Administrator; Jordan Manahan, Student Representative, and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer. *(Rick Baer was absent.)*

Murray called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Murray reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded.

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

Murray called for Public Comment.

Nate Martin, 460 Buchanan Trail West, asked for an update on the ordinance for burning animal carcasses. House informed him that this item will be presented with the Solid Waste Ordinance, which will go before the Antrim Township Planning Committee (ATPC) on November 6, 2017. Once it has been reviewed by the ATPC then it should go to the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017 for authorization to be advertised.

Young arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Erin Anderson, Tower Drive in Greencastle, introduced herself and stated she works for the City of Hagerstown, is building a new home on Grant Shook Road and thanked the Supervisors for the parks in the Township.

Al Jimick, 3420 West View Circle, asked who all was going to be on the investigative committee for joining the Township and Borough of Greencastle into one entity. Mr. Jimick also asked if there was going to be any funds spent on this venture. The response from the Chairman was that the only two people on this committee with direct ties to either party would be the Township Administrator and Borough Manager. Everyone else serving on the committee would be volunteers and meetings would be held after working hours with no compensation. Mr. Jimick, former Township Supervisor, stated he is not in favor of the merger.

Connie Slye, 801 Zarger Road, inquired if the merger between the Township and Borough would be by referendum and what will happen to the police department. The response was that the merger would only take place by a referendum for the public to vote on and that if the police force was not abolished, it would serve both municipalities.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 approving the minutes from the September 26, 2017 Regular meeting.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated October 10, 2017.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 granting HC Land Holdings LLC the modification request from § 125-17(C)(3)(d) Joint and Cross Access Drives. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the modification for the self-storage units. This is a low volume road without the potential for increased traffic.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting HC Land Holdings LLC the modification request from § 125-17(D)(7), Illumination. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the request to postpone the site lighting until the time of Land Use Permit, as the lighting will be designed by the light manufacturer after the building plans are complete.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting HC Land Holdings LLC the waiver request from § 150-58(I) Buffer Zone and Screening. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the waiver from providing screening and from the buffer zone.

The Board of Supervisors were informed that buffer zones and screening is not required in the CC (Community Commercial) zoning district. This section was interpreted incorrectly as pointed out by the Antrim Township Planning Commission (ATPC). It will be enforced per the ATPC interpretation.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 4-0 granting 843 Mountain Laurel Lane the modification request from § 110-49(A), Well setbacks. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification to allow the existing well to be approximately 4' from a sunroom addition.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for HC Land Holdings LLC.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting a plan extension request to Matrix I-81 Logistics Center until May 6, 2018. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Dennis and Lisa Ward, lot addition, Celestial Terrace, pending approval from Borough of Greencastle and are received in State Plane 83 South.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Thomas and Pearl Statler, lot addition, Guitner Road.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 authorizing release of the full bond amount of \$3,118.78 for Hickory Hollow Sawyers, as all earth work is stabilized after the addition to the building has been completed.

Direction was given to staff to pursue changing the ordinance for plan size to read as follows: "Subdivision plans, where no development as defined occurs, shall be exempt from the scale size of 1" = 50', but shall be shown as a scale sufficient that all requirements and details are clearly discernable." This will allow plans to be drawn in a 100' or 200' scale without a modification request.

Lisko called for an Executive Session for Green Spring Valley.

Public Works Director gave a brief progress recap of projects going on for the sewer and water departments by stating the following: the Shanks Church Road sewer bypass project has laid 4200

feet of the total 7900 feet of line and is on schedule for completion in mid-February 2018; pump station #13 is up and running in its upgraded condition, but a lot of site work is still needed and should be completed in mid-November 2017; UV project is in design phase and has had a minor setback due to the necessity of re-aeration requirements; Capital Improvement Plan is near completion, which is basically duplicating the same plant design with all new equipment. Nowell added that this Capital Improvement Plan is right on time as equipment is beginning to fail; the Township is well under the nitrogen limits for the 2016-2017 nitrogen year and will not need credits.

Graham complemented Mr. Nowell on meeting the nitrogen limits and recognized the program he implemented to consistently meet the limits.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 approving Workers Compensation coverage for Rescue Hose Fire Police as they assist Borough of Mercersburg with their Halloween Parade on Monday, October 30, 2017.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving the joint Truck Route Resolution to be presented to PennDOT for routing truck traffic around downtown Greencastle, and authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution.

The Supervisors gave direction that the Township would not be in favor of Utility Service Line Insurance companies using the Township logo or letterhead for any of their advertisements and mailings, however the Administrator will continue a dialog with the proposed provider who is wanting to promote their product in the Township. Lisko stated that without some type of disclaimer by the Township, a person with a denied claim could come back on the Township for resolution to their problem.

Graham announced that Township sewer and water customers can now pay their utility bills online through the Township website.

Graham asked the Supervisors to look at the list provided in the ATBOS file that shows the various Township boards that have people with upcoming term expiration dates. Graham asked that they be prepared to give direction for the news release and reappointment letters being sent at the next Supervisors meeting on October 24.

Graham informed the Supervisors that the Township website now has a feature where residents can now leave an email message for the Supervisors. Graham mentioned that he will be in touch with the department heads to decide how best to get this information to the Supervisors. There has only been one message to date and has been placed in the 10-10-17 ATBOS file.

Graham stated that as of November 1 the Township recycle center and the Waste Management recycle center will no longer be accepting glass.

Graham reminded the Supervisors of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast and the Franklin County Association of Township Supervisors Fall Convention.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving the Township Administrator to participate in the Joint Investigative Committee for the intent of bringing the Borough of Greencastle and Antrim Township together as one entity.

Jordan Manahan, Student Representative, stated the following: German has been added to the foreign language curriculum; the Tech department has had a total overhaul and is now called STEAM, which

stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math; the student council raised \$125.00 to be donated to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Harvey victims; even though we lost the game, the Homecoming pep rally and dance events were fun; there is a new Superintendent, Dr. Kendra Trail; due to security reasons the track/field facilities and Tayamentasachta are closed to the public during school hours; the primary school is scheduled for renovation in the spring.

Alleman advised Graham that he attended the Franklin County Emergency Alliance meeting and learned that the Township will need to participate in the PEMA hazmat exercise or the Township will not be eligible for any PEMA funds. Alleman said fire prevention week is this week and the Rescue Hose open house was a great success and mentioned that Marion is having their open house this coming Saturday. Alleman also asked to keep California in your prayers, the residents and the fire fighters of the wild fires raging, and thank a volunteer today.

Murray thanked Jordan for his fantastic school update and said it is great to have someone energetic in the position.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, speaking as a private citizen stated he sees no reason why the Township would want to merge with the Borough of Greencastle as they have a really aged water and sewer system, plus the added responsibility of gas line problems.

Erin Anderson, resident, suggested that the Joint Investigative Committee have someone with a financial background.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting, into Executive Session, at 8:47 p.m., with no decision to follow.

A Murray/Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into Regular meeting, at 9:10 p.m.

Murray stated a legal matter was discussed with no decision to announce.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell  
Board of Supervisors Secretary