

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Work Session Meeting

May 1, 2018

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: Chad Murray, Chairman; Pat Heraty, Vice Chairman; Fred Young, Rick Baer and John Alleman. Also attending was: Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Brad Graham, Administrator; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary.

Heraty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Heraty stated the purpose of the work session was to discuss the funding of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP).

Zoning Officer House stated in an email to the Supervisors that the MS4 program is truly designed to remove sediment and pollutants from our waterways so we have clean streams, rivers and ultimately a clean bay. House identified three (3) issues facing the decision on how to fund the SWMP, and they are:

- Not enough incentives built into the program to get people to do the right thing, keeping the stormwater controls maintained.
- Permitting fees cover the installation and inspection of on-lot controls, but does not cover all the improvements and assistance necessary with this SWMP.
- Making lots with stormwater controls unattractive to buyers.

House stated that there are two ways, or a combination of both, to supplement the SWMP, and they would be Utility Fees and/or a Rain Tax. House gave out a three-page handout to assist the Supervisors with the data she gathered about both revenue sources. An overview of all the program components were reviewed to establish how expensive implementation will be.

The Supervisors stated for the press, who were present, that this SWMP is mandated down to the municipal level to be implemented and that the Township has fought against it as long as we could because it is very expensive. The Supervisors realized that it is going to take a lot of public educational meetings to help the public understand why these additional charges are coming their way and what they will be used for.

After much discussion about the perceived pros and cons to both the Utility Fee and Rain Tax, direction was given for the Zoning Officer to obtain a Request for Proposal (RFP) from our engineering firm (Dewberry) to see how much it would cost to calculate our impervious areas in the Township. This would serve as the incentive basis for the Rain Tax.

Graham inquired if the Supervisors were interested in allowing grain storage on the Township's Route 11 property. Once the Supervisors realized it would be 30 to 40 of the long silage type of grain storage units they responded no as it would take up too much acreage on the property.

A Baer/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary