

Minutes from the Joint Meeting of the  
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF GREENCASTLE  
GREENCASTLE ANTRIM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
and ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

September 13, 2018

6:00 PM

A joint meeting was held on September 13, 2018 in the Greencastle-Antrim High School Cafeteria located at 370 South Ridge Avenue, Greencastle, PA, with the following present:

Greencastle-Antrim School District: Tracy Baer, Paul Politis, Linda Farley, Shannon Yates, Pat Fridgen, Eric Holtzman, Scott Hart, Lindsey Mowen, Jolinda Wilson (Business Manager) and Dr. Kendra Trail (Superintendent)

Borough of Greencastle: James Farley, Frank Webster, H. Duane Kinzer, Matthew Smith, Steve Miller, Eden Ratliff (Borough Manager), John Phillippy (Police Chief) and Ben Thomas (Mayor)

Antrim Township: Rick Baer, Pat Heraty, John Alleman, Fred Young, Chad Murray, Brad Graham (Administrator), and Jennifer Becknell (recording secretary)

The joint meeting was called to order by Brad Graham.

A prayer was given by Graham followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In honor of the recent anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, and to recognize our military, law enforcement and emergency personnel Graham showed a brief patriotic video encouraging service.

Graham began the meeting by introducing the first of two general topics on the agenda, which was electronics recycling.

Eden Ratliff introduced the idea of the Borough and the Township joining together to host an electronics recycling day for our residents, as he explained that Washington Township has stopped accepting electronics from non-residents at their transfer station due to the high costs and the landfill does not except them as well. Dwight Bard, with the School District, shared that they already have a free pickup service for their electronic recycling, which is done once a year by UpCycle. Both the Borough and the Township shared that they have found discarded electronics in unwanted locations. Ben Thomas shared how e-recycling is handled in Adams County.

Brad Graham introduced the last general topic on the agenda, which was LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance). Graham stated that the current adopted LERTA program was passed in 2012 and is due to expire in 2019. Graham further explained that that the LERTA could be extended up to three (3) years, or we could let it expire and establish a new LERTA with a different abatement schedule. There was a lot of pro's and con's discussion concerning the continuance of LERTA. The School District was concerned about the number of

enrollments the new businesses would bring. The Board of Supervisors stated that LERTA is the only tool they have to remain competitive in bringing in businesses to the area, which would ultimately grow the tax base for the School District. Mike Ross from the FCADC and Dave Thomas from Matrix Development were both allowed to speak on this topic and expressed their support of extending the program.

On behalf of the Greencastle-Antrim School District, Dr. Kendra Trail presented the following goals:

- Form committee to research switching school day start times for Elementary and High School, recommendation from committee in March 2019.
- Continue school safety enhancements; many have already been completed.
- Form committee to complete technology plan by June 2019, setting a 5-year strategy and decide if one-to-one technology for every student is the right choice for Greencastle-Antrim schools.
- Complete the Mid-Atlantic Alliance for Performance Excellence application (MAAPE), which will provide a feedback report that shows the areas of strengths and also opportunities for improvement areas.
- Developing a teacher advisory group that will meet once a month to share what deficiencies they see across the district or share ideas of how to make our schools better; Jolinda Wilson will be leading the support staff advisory group; and will be starting a parent advisory group.

Eden Ratliff presented the following update information on behalf of the Borough of Greencastle:

- Expanded the Mixed Use District to include sections along E. Walter Ave. that were formerly zoned Industrial.
- Sewer line rehabilitation on E. Walter Ave.
- Repaving E. Walter Ave. from N. Allison Street to the Edwin C. Bittner Bridge. This project will improve stormwater runoff and add some ADA ramps.
- Looking for sustained MS4 funding without taking on debt service; in support of House Bill 913 and 914 which allows Boroughs to assess a stormwater fee.
- Upgrades were made to the GAFCWA water tower and demolished the South Antrim Elevated Storage Tank.
- Proposed truck route is being reviewed by PennDOT and Federal Highway Administration.

Brad Graham presented the following update information on behalf of Antrim Township:

- Reviewed the status of the Township's MS4 (stormwater) program. Also noted that the zoning officer developed a stormwater education presentation that was given last year at the Middle School and High School, which will be repeated and helps meet some of the requirements for public education.
- Described some of the continuing upgrades to the sewer treatment plant.
- Road Departmentar/chipped 4 roads and 8 developments; widening and repaving of Craig Road.

- A consultant is working on a Route 11 corridor study with recommendations for control measures and future planning.
- Exit 3 development: shared aerial photos of the development that has taken place at Exit 3 in the last year.

Brad Graham called for Public Comments.

Dan Reynolds thanked the current Board of Supervisors for having the vision to enact LERTA and wished the Township Supervisors would have done it years ago, thus potentially providing the School District with a broader tax base much earlier.

Jim Winslow was in support of LERTA, but had concerns about the type of businesses being brought into the area through LERTA. Mr. Winslow stated warehouse jobs wouldn't bring our children back to the area after completing college.

Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Becknell, Township Secretary