

Minutes from the Joint Meeting of the
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF GREENCASTLE
and ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

November 20, 2019

7:00 PM

A joint meeting was held on November 20, 2019 at the Rescue Hose Event Center located at 842 S. Washington Street, Greencastle, PA, with the following present:

Borough of Greencastle: Steven Miller, President; Larry Faight, Vice President; Frank Webster Jr.; H. Duane Kinzer; Matthew Smith; Joel Amsley; Wade Burkholder; Lorraine Hohl, Borough Manager; and Benjamin Thomas Jr., Mayor.

Antrim Township: Fred Young, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice Chairman; Pat Heraty; John Alleman; Chad Murray; Brad Graham, Administrator; Jennifer Becknell, recording secretary; Sylvia House, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Amber Reasner, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer and Stormwater Technician.

The joint meeting was called to order by Fred Young at 7:00 PM.

The invocation was given by Frank Webster followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Steven Miller.

Fred Young suggested rearranging the order of a few agenda items as follows: moving the opening Public Comment to the end of the agenda and moving the agenda item 5c “Consider Legal Challenge” to be between items 2 and 3.

With approval from both municipalities, a Fred Young/Pat Heraty motion passed 5-0 for the rearrangement of two agenda items.

Both Amber Reasner and Lorraine Hohl gave a brief overview of the MS4 requirements for each of their municipalities.

Steven Miller outlined the County Wide Action Plan and recommendations for municipalities as presented by Pennsylvania DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) regarding the unfunded Federal mandate known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the unfunded mandate in Pennsylvania known as the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. It was stated that by December 31, 2023 Antrim Township is required to reduce sediments flowing to the Chesapeake Bay by 245,011 pounds and the Borough of Greencastle is required to reduce sediments by approximately 142,000 pounds.

It was stated that just prior to tonight’s meeting an e-mail was sent out from PA State Rep. Paul Schemel, which was sent to both Sylvia House of Antrim Township and Lorraine Hohl of Borough of Greencastle, to be shared with their municipalities. Steven Miller read the letter out loud.

There was extensive discussion from both elected bodies and ultimately came to the same decision to pursue clarification from PA DEP on the MS4 guidelines.

H. Duane Kinzer asked that it is announced that this meeting is being recorded, to which Fred Young responded that the recording secretary is recording this meeting for the purpose of writing the minutes and the recording will be erased once the minutes are written and approved by both municipalities.

A Steve Miller/Larry Faight motion passed 7-0 to suspend engineering, bidding, and construction of MS4 projects pending clarification of MS4 requirements by the Federal EPA and PA DEP. Staff will continue with daily MS4 research activities and proceed with the Lilian S. Besore Memorial Library stormwater best management practices project.

A Fred Young/Pat Heraty motion passed 5-0 to suspend engineering, bidding, and construction of MS4 projects pending clarification of MS4 requirements by the Federal EPA, PA DEP and Governor Tom Wolf. Staff will continue with daily MS4 research activities but will suspend collection of MS4 stormwater fees from residents and businesses at this time.

Larry Faight left the meeting at 8:22 PM.

It was further agreed that Mayor Benjamin Thomas Jr. would write a letter on behalf of both municipalities addressing the Franklin County Commissioners, Pennsylvania Senator Judy Ward, Pennsylvania State Representative Paul Schemel, Congressman John Joyce, Elected Officials in Franklin County Boroughs and Townships and Franklin County citizens - asking them all to join the unified effort by the Borough of Greencastle and Antrim Township to appeal these unfunded mandates.

Eddie Baxter, Carowinds Drive, commented that Brian Harbaugh should be an honorary member of future meetings to discuss efforts in combating the unfunded mandates. Mr. Baxter also stated he was upset with the poor public attendance at this meeting as he believes the change needed to appeal the mandates must be driven and backed by the public.

Stephanie Harbaugh, 7379 Brownsmill Road, stated she was willing to assist in any way with the social media in getting the message out to the public about meetings and the issues with MS4.

It was decided to have the next meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Rescue Hose Event Center, pending availability.

A motion passed by Rick Baer and H. Duane Kinzer passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Becknell,
Recording Secretary

