

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

February 23, 2021

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice Chairman; and Chad Murray. Also attending was: Brad Graham, Administrator; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer. *(Supervisors Fred Young and Pat Heraty were absent.)*

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alleman commented that meetings are audio recorded and posted to the Township website.

Murray read from the Bible, verses from Lamentations 3 (vs. 22-23).

Graham offered a word of prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alleman called for Public Comment. There were none.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 regular meeting.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 3-0 to approve the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated February 23, 2021.

Corporal Mike Ehgartner, with the PA State Police, introduced himself and presented the Supervisors with a few year-to-date statistics thus far in 2021 for Antrim Township. Corporal Ehgartner stated that the PA State Police responded to 465 calls in Antrim Township, of which 33 were for criminal offences, resulting in 21 arrests. There have been 12 DUI's, which is separate from the 21 arrests. There have been 42 crashes in Antrim Township, 8 with injuries. There have been no fatal vehicle accidents since May 2020. There have been 166 citations issued and 104 warnings. The Supervisors and the Administrator thanked Corporal Ehgartner for attending the meeting and for his and the PA State Police presence in the Township.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 3-0 approving the final plan for A. Duie Pyle, Phase 3, land development, Molly Pitcher Highway. This plan is for a 113,640 sq. ft. warehouse.

On behalf of the Roadmaster, Graham gave a brief update on the Road Department, stating they have been busy with the snow events and are focusing the next couple of days on the cleanup of equipment and bay areas, and making necessary repairs to equipment and property. Graham passed along the sentiments of gratitude from the Road Department for the Supervisors who have been plowing snow. Graham stated that the Road Department will return to working on the completion of the wash bay. Graham said the newly named Park Director is getting familiar with her duties, facilitated her first Park Committee meeting and created the 2021 Park Grant spreadsheet. Graham mentioned that the Township Mechanic has the specs ready to go out for bid for the items we have in the 2021 Budget, which includes a new truck, replacement of the BobCat and the replacement of a truck bed.

Graham brought up the 2021 Park Grant spreadsheet on the smartboard and stated that this is the recommendation by the Park Committee on how the 2021 Park Grant funds should be allocated. Graham

pointed out that there were \$84,547.17 being requested with only \$40,000 available to reward, not including the automatic \$5,000.00 given each year to each of the three Ruritan Clubs.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 3-0 to proceed with allocating the 2021 Park Grant funds as recommended by the Park Committee, with no changes.

Graham informed the Supervisors of two (2) correspondences received by the Township via our website for the Supervisors. The first from Philip Long bringing an article written in the February 10, 2021 edition of The Herald Mail titled "Critics say Pa. is 'basically defecating' in Susquehanna" to their attention. The second is from Glenn Wingert concerning Pa. Senate Bill 835, an Act providing for funding of high-speed broadband service infrastructure deployment in unserved areas of this Commonwealth. Direction was given to the Administrator to contact Mr. Wingert to discuss the matter further and to let him know that he also has the option to attend any meeting he wishes to address the Supervisors directly. It was also discussed that the Township will soon be entering into contract negotiations with our current internet provider (Comcast).

Graham requested permission to pay a Verizon bill out of cycle to avoid a late fee, as it was received today, and the Supervisors agreed.

Graham mentioned he did have a couple of items for Executive Session, with no decision to announce.

Murray thanked the Road Crew for another great performance with snow removal and thanked other office staff for diligently coming to work in the snow with smiling faces and being accessible to the public.

Baer stated he heard there was now a shortage of US Post Office issued stamps.

Alleman thanked the Supervisors that have been plowing snow with the Road Crew. Alleman also mentioned that there is a West Road and a West Avenue in Antrim Township and suggested that as the area behind Earl's Market is developed, we consider a name change for West Road, which has three (3) residents on it.

The Administrator stated he had a question for the PA State Police posed by the Township Solicitor. The Solicitor wanted to know if the State Police could assist on matters of enforcing criminal offenses. The PA State Police representative stated that they could not enforce criminal offenses relating to a local ordinance, but only criminal offences by state laws, not local laws.

The Secretary updated the Supervisors that she was contacted by Jean Byers, Franklin County Chief Clerk and Director of Elections, that Michael (Mike) Buckley will need to be on the ballot this year for a two year term to make the Elected Auditors terms for Antrim Township come out correctly since he was appointed, not elected, to his position. It was also mentioned that Mr. Buckley will be circulating two petitions for signatures to get on the next election ballot, one for Elected Auditor and one for Constable. Jean Byers said there should be no conflict of interest for serving as both.

Alleman called for Public Comments.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, asked the name of the new Park Director and was informed that her name is Cheryl Walburn. Mr. Smith also complemented the Road Crew for clearing the snow well.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting, into Executive Session, at 7:47 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters and a Real Estate matter.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting, at 9:46 p.m.

Alleman stated that Personnel matters and Real Estate matters were discussed with no decisions to announce.

An Alleman/Murray motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary