

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting

August 24, 2021

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice Chairman, Chad Murray and Fred Young. The following were also in attendance: Rodney Eberly, Roadmaster; Cheryl Walburn, Parks Director; John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer. *(Supervisor Pat Heraty was absent.)*

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Graham read from Psalm 37 of the Bible and offered a word of prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alleman called for Public Comment. There was none.

A Murray/Young motion passed 4-0 to amend the August 24, 2021 agenda by the addition of 11-B (discussion of attendance and representation at the upcoming PSATS Business Meeting) and the addition of 14-A (Executive Session to discuss Legal matters), and also to move up item 9-A (Report from Roadmaster) to be between items 6 and 7.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0-1 *(Murray abstained as he did not attend meeting)* to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021 regular meeting.

A Murray/Young motion passed 4-0 to approve the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated August 24, 2021.

The Roadmaster reviewed his report provided outlining the completed and ongoing work by the Road Department. There was special mention that the contracted paving company (NESL) will be paving Rocking M Lane on August 25, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

A Young/Murray motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Grindstone Hill Business Park, Grindstone Hill Road.

Jim Maun, consulting Engineer with William A. Brindle Associates., presented his recommendations for correcting standing water in a low area along Morgan Court located in Phase 8 of the Rolling Hills PRD subdivision. Mr. Maun stated that he was confident that adding a 15" pipe between lots 78 and 79, running from the front of the property to the rear, and the addition of a subsurface stone infiltration system in the existing drainage easement East of lot 67 and west of lots 65 and 66 with an 8" pipe to drain the system out towards Lindale Avenue will get the water to drain as it was designed originally. The Supervisors gave direction to move forward with the proposed drainage improvements. At the request of the Township Administrator, Jim Maun also gave a brief update on the grading problems on Cydney Lane in Rolling Hills subdivision, stating that they have now received an estimate for 550 linear feet on both sides of Cydney Lane to correct standing water in the driveway culverts.

A Young/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving and authorizing the Chairman to sign the Conditional Use Decision for the 2359 Weaver Road Utility Scale Solar Farm.

Pat Coggins, with Atapco Properties, was present with other members of Atapco staff to address what he referred to as three (3) urgent issues holding up the progression on their Atapco Acquisitions LLC, Lot 1 project, Molly Pitcher Highway. Mr. Coggins stated the issues, the position Atapco takes on the issues and why. The issues and Atapco's opinion on the requests are as follows:

1. Township requested that Atapco reserve Right of Way (ROW) for future expansion of Route 11 (Molly Pitcher Highway). Atapco is not opposed to reserving the quarter acre requested along the front of their property but cannot offer the same of the PAAL property, with whom they have an access agreement, as they do not own this parcel.
2. Township requested that Atapco install the Shared Use Trail from their property to the intersection of Molly Pitcher Hwy. and Antrim Commons Drive. Atapco is not opposed to installing the trail along the front of their property but cannot do the same across the PAAL property they do not own, but have an agreement to construct an access and stormwater controls on.
3. Township requested that Atapco sign a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the new traffic signal they are installing on Molly Pitcher Hwy. to service their property. This agreement would make them pay for all maintenance and repair on this new light in perpetuity. Atapco is not opposed to indemnifying the Township during the construction process and up to the point that the newly installed light is turned over the Township. Atapco is not opposed to offering an agreed-to lump sum to be used towards future maintenance and repair of the light, much like what was done at Exit 3. Atapco explained that they would not be in control of who the Township contracts to do the repair/maintenance and the frequency.

The Chairman thanked Atapco for a concise report concerning their urgent issues with their project on Molly Pitcher Highway and explained that these issues will be discussed during their Executive Session later in the meeting. Supervisor Young asked the Chairman if they could move item 11-A up to discuss while Atapco was still present.

Gary Kennedy, Scar Hill Road resident, raised his hand and was acknowledged. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was present to discuss a matter with the Roadmaster and see that his section was moved up. Following discussion Supervisor Baer and the Administrator said they would personally follow-up on this matter the next day with the Roadmaster.

The Administrator updated the Supervisors that Atapco Acquisitions LLC, Lot 1, has submitted a request to be included in the LERTA zone. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed that this is a reasonable request, and that this property should be included. It was determined that Atapco Acquisitions LLC should present this request directly to the Greencastle-Antrim School Board (GASB) stating that there is no need for the Township to advertise for a hearing if the GASB doesn't approve the addition of Atapco Acquisitions LLC Lot 1 to the LERTA zone, as the Township has their property tax mills set at zero.

The Parks Director reviewed her report provided, outlining the completed and ongoing work at the parks. Special mention that the stormwater testing has been completed for the new storage and maintenance building at the park and it yielded good results, meaning the stormwater area should be very small. Walburn also stated that the initial building plotting stakes have been moved closer to Grant Shook Road to help with the grading plan, which FSA (Frederick, Seibert & Assoc.) is working to complete.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 3-1 (*Young opposed*) to accept the quote from General Recreation, Inc. for the purchase of shade sails for the playground equipment at the Antrim Township Community Park, with the caveat of exploring shipping cost savings.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Administrator to sign the easement agreement with West Penn Power once reviewed by Township Solicitor.

After some discussion on the matter of an additional well at the park or rehab the existing well, the Supervisors gave directions to contact Reed & Associates to conduct studies to see if it is a good choice to rehab the existing well.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 4-0 approving the recommendation of the Park Committee to make the Township parks tobacco free areas.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Administrator to sign the agreement documents with Comcast.

The Supervisors selected Fred Young as the Delegate for the PSATS Business Meeting set for October 15, 2021 and selected John Alleman as the Alternate Delegate.

Young asked for prayer for all those involved in the American withdrawal from the Afghanistan region.

Alleman mentioned that he authorized Fire Police coverage for Saturday, August 14, at two traffic signals for a motorcycle ride that Rescue Hose was alerted to. Alleman called on Kevin Barns to give an update on the progress of hiring paid staff.

Kevin Barns, Rescue Hose Chief, commented that the paid Firefighter/EMT Supervisor position has been filled now for three weeks and have advertised for the first of the part-time EMTs and vetting the applications now and scheduling interviews.

Alleman called for Public Comment. There was none.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting, into Executive Session, at 9:01 pm.

A Young/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting, at 9:52 pm.

Alleman announced that legal matters were discussed with no decisions made.

A Murray/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell  
Board of Supervisors Secretary