

March 31, 2009 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

WORKSESSION MEETING

March 31, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a work session meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Vice Chairman Rick Baer, Supervisors Sam Miller and Fred Young III; and Brad Graham, Township Administrator. Chairman Curtis Myers, Supervisor James Byers and Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: Jonathan Stough, Kilmer Insurance Agency and John Phillippy, Police Chief for the Borough of Greencastle. See attached sign-in sheet for the list of other visitors.

Vice Chairman Rick Baer called the work session meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Vice Chairman Baer called for Public Comment – there was none.

Jonathan Stough from Kilmer Insurance Agency addressed the Supervisors regarding a presentation for insurance services. He stated that Kilmer Insurance Agency writes policies for over 100 municipalities and he would like to submit a proposal to Antrim Township for insurance services since our policies renew on June 1, 2009.

Police Chief John Phillippy of the Borough of Greencastle addressed the Supervisors regarding a presentation about Antrim Township contracting with the Borough of Greencastle for police services. Mr. Phillippy stated that there would be an estimated cost to the township of \$700,000.00 for the first year and the costs would likely increase each year after that. The Borough would need to add at least 5 additional officers in order to serve Antrim Township. The Borough's current police budget is \$500,000.00. Geographically, Mr. Phillippy thinks it makes sense for the Township to share police services with the Borough of Greencastle. He feels that the first date the Township could start contracting police services would be July 1, 2010. There would be a 6 month cost factor for the Township's 2010 budget. There is currently an Economic Stimulus Grant available that the Township could apply for by April 14, 2009 that would cover 100% of the salary and benefits for 3 years for the additional police officers that would need to be hired but the Township would need to commit to police services for 4 years. Mr. Phillippy has a meeting tomorrow with a grant writer that works for the school district to find out more about the costs associated with the writing of the grant and the details of the grant. Mr. Phillippy feels that the contract for police services with the Borough would need to be at least for a 5 year term because of the start-up costs. No action was taken by the Board at this time regarding police services. They would like to find out more about the grant that is available before making a decision.

Resolution #207: A Young/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to acknowledge a letter from Rob Holmes that the Township would consider him as a secondary SEO so he can complete SEO training classes.

There was a discussion at this time about the replacement of a gas line at the ATCP. Due to the construction of a new driveway at the park, the Township would need to lower and replace the existing gas line. The cost to replace the line is \$16,148.00 to Columbia Gas and \$2,925.00 to David H. Martin to perform the excavation for a total cost of \$19,073.00. Supervisor Young voiced his concerns about the Township having to pay the total cost to replace the line since the line would probably need to be replaced soon anyway. He feels that Columbia Gas should give us a better price or contribute to the

cost of replacing the line.

Resolution #208: A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to table the replacement of the gas line at ATP until the April 14th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Young addressed the Supervisors regarding the DCNR Grant for the park. There is a list of items that need be submitted to DCNR. Young would like to get authority to get designs for the concession stand. It was discussed that we could talk with Marlin Gehman from Marion and get permission to see if we can get a copy of their concession stand plans and use them. No motions were made on this issue at this time.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator gave an update on the sale of the Antrim Township Water Authority to the Borough of Greencastle. He suggested that a meeting be set up with the four entities: Antrim Township Board of Supervisors, Antrim Township Municipal Authority, Borough of Greencastle and the Greencastle-Antrim Franklin County Water Authority; to discuss the sale further.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the \$5,000.00 that was budgeted this year for the Besore Library. He received a letter from the library asking the township to release the money. Mr. Graham just wanted to make the Supervisors aware that we would be releasing the money that was budgeted for 2009 to the library.

Supervisor Miller addressed Supervisor Young regarding the installation of the sewer line that was discussed at the last meeting. Miller wanted clarification on which part-time employees would be helping with the installation of the line. Brad Graham, Township Administrator responded that Ken Izer and Dick Yohn were among the part-time employees that would be assisting with the installation of the line. Miller also wanted clarification on whether the Supervisors that would be helping would be paid or volunteering their services. Supervisor Young stated that the Supervisors that were helping would all be volunteering their time.

Resolution #209: A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to amend Resolution #148 to add the following comments "with conditions that Bond, Repair and Improvement fee, HOA documents and the Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement be in place before BOS final approval and that all road comments be addressed."

Resolution #210: A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to amend Resolution #149 to add the following comments "with the condition that financial security, Repair and Improvement fee, and Recreation fee shall be in place before BOS final approval and that the GAFCWA signs the plans."

Resolution #211: A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to amend Resolution #150 to add the following comments "with condition that a Bond and Repair and Improvement fees are in place and that the GAFCWA signs the plan."

Resolution #212: A Miller/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Byers were absent) to adjourn the worksession meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary/Treasurer