

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

March 14, 2023

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Chad Murray, Chairman; Fred Young, Vice Chairman; Rick Baer, Pat Heraty and John Alleman. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer.

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

Murray announced that the meetings are recorded and will be available on the Township website.

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

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 4-0 to add agenda item 11-F, the request to open a new bank account for the purpose of depositing the awarded Park Grant funds.

Young arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Ed Tracey, 12483 Hollowell Church Road, informed the Board of Supervisors that a steering committee has been formed to combat the application of Food Processing Residual (FPR). They intend to reach out to the media about their contaminated wells and possibly create signs to place around the Township informing others of the situation at hand. Mr. Tracey updated the Supervisors that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is trying to pass tighter regulations for testing all water sources for a list of six (6) forever chemicals. Mr. Tracey also stated that Negley's drew a water sample from one of the contaminated wells to see how much chlorine would be needed to "clean" the water and it caused a hazardous chemical reaction requiring the workers to put on respirators. Mr. Tracey asked the Supervisors if they had made any progress, to which Baer mentioned that he has a call into East Coventry Township and Young mentioned that he has spoken to two (2) members of Senator Doug Mastriano's office on the matter and have sent Mr. Ed Tracey's and Ms. Lori Clopper's testimony to Mastriano's office. Murray stated that this situation on Hollowell Church Road would be discussed during the Executive Session tonight.

Lori Clopper, 13578 Hollowell Church Road, urged the Supervisors to put in place an ordinance for the spreading of FPR with very clear guidelines of what is allowable, the ability to enforce, and strict measures for paperwork of origins/destination/contents.

Lori Manahan, 1621 Murray Road, urged the Township to be proactive on the matter of spreading of FPR to prevent contamination of other wells.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, stated he agrees with Lori Manahan that the Township needs to be proactive in creating the proper ordinance for FPR.

John Crider, 1697 McDowell Road, also stated that the spreading of FPR is not going away and that water is very precious. Mr. Crider stated that even the Borough and Township public water supplies come from a well source and that we all should be concerned about protecting the waters from such FPR contamination.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the February 28, 2023, meeting.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's Reports dated March 14, 2023.

The Supervisors recognized visitor Richard "Dick" Walck for his 18-years of service to Antrim Township as a member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Walck was presented a signed and framed proclamation from the Board of Supervisors, which was read by Chairman Murray. There was a standing ovation for Mr. Walck as he came forward to receive his proclamation and to have his picture made with the Supervisors. Several family members and friends were in attendance.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §125 (Land Development) and §126 (Stormwater) for 10680 Antrim Church Road, allowing a 15' x 15' shed to be placed in the corner of the parking lot over existing impervious area. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §125-17(A)(6), dead end streets, for 4079 Heiple Court, allowing the cul-de-sac to be removed from the plan as the lots were developed as a shared driveway and not a private road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Agreement to Amend the Approved Subdivision Plan for 4079 Heiple Court.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 granting a 180-day extension for the Glenn Dice plan, Williamson Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 granting a 46-day extension for the Johns and Gayman plan, Frank Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to send to DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) the RFPW-NBD (Request For Planning Waiver – Non Building Declaration) for Nathan S. and Lydia Rudolph, Hades Church Road. This is an existing lot with a home on it and the associated plan makes the lot larger. No additional building is proposed.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the 10% annual review increase for the financial security being held for Grace Bible Church, Hoffman Road, as no work has been completed. The original amount of \$179,013.93 shall be increased by \$17,901.39. The new amount of \$196,915.32 shall be received no later than April 10, 2023, or staff shall be authorized to draw the security.

Solicitor Lisko stated he has several items for Executive Session and there will be decisions to announce afterwards.

Baer stated that the Utilities Director has placed his update in the 3-14-2023 ATBOS file for review. Baer updated the Supervisors that the Roadmaster has requested advertising for three (3) projects and has completed the bid documents for such. The projects are as follows: paving of the Shared Use Trail at the Township building, paving at the Community Park, and Line Painting for entire Township. Baer also reported that the Road Department is currently working on crack-sealing as weather permits.

The decision on meeting pay for the Park Committee was tabled until the Solicitor conducts some research to determine if this is allowable by code.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Opioid Settlement form as requested by county.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 authorizing the proclamation for Eagle Scout achievement to Ian Long, to be presented at the Court of Honor on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the addition of Pollution Liability insurance coverage as proposed by Kilmer Group in the amount of \$6,837.00, effective immediately.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Park Director to sign all necessary proposals and documents for carrying out the DCNR Park Grant.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to open an additional interest-bearing bank account with F&M Trust as required for the deposit of DCNR grant funds for the park.

Baer asked if the Township was able to use the interest earned on the DCNR grant funds or is it to be returned to DCNR. The Secretary said she would find out and report back to the Supervisors.

Township Secretary reported that 38 water customers will have a water shut-off notice mailed and posted on their door tomorrow, March 15, 2023. Heraty asked what the total outstanding balance was for the delinquent Utility Billing accounts. The Secretary stated she would email that figure to the Supervisors the following day. The Secretary also stated that the Township will be entering into the annual Sewer Disconnection process soon for delinquent accounts.

Alleman asked the Secretary to contact the Borough and inform them that our Chairman would like to jointly sign any future letters to the railroad for train idling issues, as the Township has recently received a call from a resident with concerns about a train idling behind her home for 12 hours, which was a quarter mile from the rail yard.

Heraty thanked Dick Walck for his many years of service to the Township and recognized the many other board members actively giving their time to recommend to and assist the Board of Supervisors. Heraty also mentioned it was so nice to see another Scout attaining their Eagle Scout award.

Young stated that the Martins Mill Bridge Run will take place this year on April 1, 2023, and are looking for volunteers to assist with traffic control. Young mentioned that Congressman John Joyce wishes to thank the Township for the use of the boardroom on Saturday, March 11, for a meeting. Young thanked Supervisor Murray and Heraty for opening and closing the building for this meeting.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, stated that the bridge on Hykes Road still has a rough transition from the bridge deck to the asphalt road.

Dianne Smith, 7498 Angle Road, thanked Franklin County Historical Society for taking on the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the Browns Mill Cemetery. She also thanked the Supervisors for their recent financial donation to Franklin County Historical Society to be used towards the restoration of Browns Mill Cemetery. She reported that Anne Hull has several tours of this cemetery scheduled.

Bill Blair, 2444 McDowell Road, stated that the Eagle Scout proclamations issued by the Board of Supervisors are very important to the Scouts who receive them and encouraged the Supervisors to continue this practice.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting into an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Murray announced that Potential Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel matters were discussed during the Executive Session.

A Young/Baer motion passed 4-0-1 (*Heraty abstained*) authorizing Solicitor John Lisko and Solicitor Zachary Mills to file criminal and civil charges against the landowner of the Hollowell Church Road farm receiving the FPR and against the hauler of FPR.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary