

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 9, 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; 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. *(Rick Baer was absent.)*

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

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

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

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 to add agenda item 10-D, to review, discuss and select a liability insurance carrier for the 2023-2024 policy year, which renews June 1, 2023.

Murray announced that three Supervisors met with candidates for the vacant Administrator position on April 28, 2023 and another set of three Supervisors met with candidates on May 5, 2023.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Bill Blair, 2444 McDowell Road, representing Antrim Citizens for Safe Water, provided a brief update for the Supervisors, which included the following:

- Antrim Citizens for Safe Water is working towards getting their 501(c)4 (non-profit) status.
- According to DEP correspondence, 89 inches of FPR are still in the pit on the Barr farm.
- Ask if the Township is receiving reports from DEP after each Barr farm inspection and asked that they be shared.
- Would like to see manifests showing how much Barr farm FPR has been removed, the weight traveling the Township roads, and the final destination of the FPR removed.
- Home values will depreciate due to the water contamination; thus, the lending value of the homes decline as well.
- Requested Antrim Township put as much manpower as possible towards their cause.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 3-0-1 *(Heraty abstained as he did not attend this meeting.)* approving the minutes from the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated May 9, 2023.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request from §125 (Subdivision and Land Development) and §126 (Stormwater Management) for 9390 Antrim Church Road, allowing for a 9,960 SF addition to their existing 30'x60' agricultural related business facility. (This is an increase of 2,760 SF from their original approval of 7,200 SF addition request back in October of 2021 that they

never built.) This is a farm, and the stormwater will be contained to their own property. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request from §125 (Subdivision and Land Development) and §126 (Stormwater Management) for 11125 Bemisderfer Road, allowing an 8'x20' temporary mobile storage unit to be placed on an existing paved parking area. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request from §125-17(E)(3)(a) for Buchanan Flats, East Baltimore Street, allowing a 5' sidewalk within the internal drives of the development, but maintaining the 8' Shared Use Trail along Moss Springs Avenue. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the standard Conservation Easement Agreement for Ralph C. and Marjorie B. Michael, Hill Road.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 granting a 180-day extension for the following plans, and the Antrim Township recommended granting all four of these extensions:

- ACBP (Antrim Commons Business Park), Lot 7R, grading plan, Molly Pitcher Hwy.
- ACBP (Antrim Commons Business Park), Conservancy Lane, lot addition, Molly Pitcher Hwy.
- ACBP (Antrim Commons Business Park), Conservancy Lane, land development, Molly Pitcher Hwy.
- Gavin Strait, lot addition, Castlegreen Drive.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting a 90-day plan extension for Buchanan Flats, East Baltimore Street.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 granting a 90-day plan extension for Greencastle (Buchanan) DGS (Dollar General Store), Buchanan Trail West. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 conditionally approving the final plan for Nathan S. and Lydia R. Rudolph, lot addition, Hades Church Road, pending the receipt of the Shared Access Agreement. This plan approves an EXISTING single-family home lot, as it was not recorded in the 1980's.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Ralph C. and Marjorie B. Michael, 1-lot subdivision, Hill Road.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 4-0 allowing the required security for Martin's Farm Supply to renew in the same amount of \$14,242.50. The annual review shows that additional work has been completed so an increase of 10% is not required.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0 allowing the required security for 2017 Greenmount Road LLC (lot 1) Greenmount Road relocation, to renew in the same amount of \$469,563.05. The annual review shows that additional work has been completed so an increase of 10% is not required.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 allowing the required security for 2017 Greenmount Road LLC (lot 1) on-site work, to renew in the same amount of \$960,933.82. The annual review shows that additional work has been completed so an increase of 10% is not required.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving the written decision from the April 25, 2023, Conditional Use Hearing for 1032 Buchanan Trail East.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 directing staff to set the date for a Zoning Change Hearing for July 11, 2023 and to advertise accordingly. The Township received a zoning change request for the parcels in front of Cedarbrook subdivision, along Route 11. The parcel on the north side of Hykes Road East has split zoning – Community Commercial (CC) out by Route 11 and R-1 (residential) in the back. The parcel on the south side of Hykes Road East is zoned Highway Commercial (HC). The application requests that both parcels be zoned Community Commercial.

The Supervisors decided to table the Zoning District and Setback change discussions until the next meeting, to allow for all Supervisors to be present. The Supervisors agreed to start the May 23, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a work session on these proposed changes.

Heraty announced that there will be an Executive Session for a brief personnel matter.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 approving the hiring of Ami Myers, as a temporary part time Office Clerk.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to move \$250,000 for each year of 2021 and 2022, for a combined total of \$500,000 to satisfy the Lease Back Agreement between the Township and the Municipal Authority. This is a sewer excess fund transfer from the sewer operating account (08-101-000) to the Capital Improvement Fund-Sewer (97-101-000).

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to begin obtaining quotes for appraisal services for an independent and formal assessment of the Township's assets.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 to renew the Township's General/Auto/Liability insurance with Selective, at a yearly policy rate \$95,632.00, which will renew June 1, 2023.

Alleman stated that he was uncharacteristically on his cell phone during the meeting tonight handling an illegal burn issue in the Township.

Young reminded everyone that next Tuesday, May 16, is the election primary in Franklin County, and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Murray thanked all the audience members for coming out.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, stated that the barn at the park is not of historical value and it is not aesthetically pleasing to the eye, so he doesn't understand the outcry to save the barn.

Connie Slye, 801 Zarger Road, stated that what happened on Hollowell Church Road with FPR could have happened anywhere in the Township where FPR's are stored or spread. Mrs. Slye stated how frustrating it is to see DEP moving so slowly on the Hollowell Church Road FPR issue. She asked if anyone at the Township could request a timeline from DEP on when they intend to conclude the matter. The Chairman stated that things may have slowed down due to the pending litigation.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting into an Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., for a brief personnel matter, and a decision is most likely to be announced afterwards.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving a 50 cent (.50) hourly rate increase for two members of the Road Crew who are working towards obtaining their pesticide application license. This increase will not take place until they receive their license.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary