

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting

October 24, 2023

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 24, 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; John Alleman, Pat Heraty and Rick Baer. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Chris Ardinger, Administrator/Roadmaster; 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.

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

Young arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Gene Macri, Waynesboro, PA, stated he was a scientist and that he wanted to caution the Township on the effects of spraying/spreading of FPR (Food Processing Residual) on fields. Mr. Macri mentioned that the FPR bio-solids can be pathogenic and can easily find their way into the underground aquifers, ultimately affecting our water sources. Mr. Macri stated that DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) does not have enough people to monitor the FPR processes and the Township will need to be very pro-active in educating the public about the practice of spreading FPR. Mr. Macri went on to state some statistics about bottled water and also stated that Franklin County has a higher rate of thyroid cancer than the national average.

Murray stated that the Supervisors had a meeting with DEP representatives and various State Representatives which resulted in “a lot of questions, but not a lot of answers”. Murray stated that at least the appropriate persons are beginning to talk about FPR and the threat it can pose.

Medina Stockslager, Buchanan Trail West, mentioned that she last attended a meeting on June 27, 2023 and was told that the Roadmaster would be in touch with her concerning the progress on a speed limit reduction for a stretch of Route 16 from the Borough line to Upton, PA. The Supervisors apologized that she wasn't contacted by the previous Roadmaster and explained that there has been turnover in personnel for the Roadmaster position. Chris Ardinger introduced himself as the new Roadmaster and assured her that this matter would be reviewed and that he would be in touch. It was also discussed and decided to put up a mobile radar speed sign in the area to help slow traffic down through the area.

Young mentioned that he plows snow in that area and has seen first hand how dangerous that area can.

Bill Blair, 2444 McDowell Road, representing Antrim Township Citizens for Safe Water (ATCSW) thanked the Board of Supervisors for assisting in getting things started in reference to their meeting with DEP representatives and various State Representatives on the topic of FPR. Mr. Blair also thanked the Board of Supervisors for attending the ATCSW meeting at the Shady Grove Community Center on October 17, 2023.

Ardinger mentioned that there is a meeting between the Department of Ag and DEP regarding FPRs, and State Representative Paul Schemel is trying to get an invitation to that meeting.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the September 11, 2023, Work Session meeting with the Antrim Township Planning Commission.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 4-0-1 approving the minutes from the October 2, 2023 Work Session meeting with the Antrim Township Planning Commission. (*John Alleman abstained, as he did not attend.*)

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated October 24, 2023.

Tina Gipe, with Boyer & Ritter, presented and reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the 2022 Audited Financials for Antrim Township. Gipe went over the various balance sheets throughout the prepared report explaining how each one was derived, giving the Supervisors time to ask questions. Gipe stated it was a clean audit with no findings to report and stated the 2022 Financials showed a very healthy bottom line. Gipe stated there were eleven (11) year-end journal entries made for routine adjustments concerning fixed assets and depreciation.

Kevin Barns and Ted Meminger, both with Rescue Hose Company No. 1, were on hand to discuss the proposed 2024 budget for Rescue Hose and the needed funding from Antrim Township for their paid fire fighters/EMS staffing needs. Meminger reviewed the provided handout outlining the proposed staffing needs by quarters in 2024. Barns applauded the Supervisors for being proactive in their approach to the shortfall of volunteers and seeing the need to get part-time and full-time positions filled. It was mentioned that the Greencastle-Antrim area has an increasing "senior" population that will contribute to the EMS call outs. Supervisor Baer asked if Rescue Hose has done a comparison of their wages to that of Chambersburg, PA and Hagerstown, MD. Meminger stated that they needed to update their data and would share it once available.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the annual review renewal for the security being held for All Boxed Up Self Storage to be in the same amount of \$908,980.60, or a lower determined amount once the review is completed by the Township engineer (Dewberry). Security must be retained for final grading and stabilization.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to increase the security being held for Paradise Estates Phase 2 by 10%, based on the annual review. The current security amount is \$17,662.94. No work has been completed in the past year and is subject to the 10% increase of 1,766.29. The new security total of \$19,429.23 must be received no later than November 21, 2023.

The Solicitor called for an Executive Session to review the appeal from Bear Peak Antrim LLC.

The Administrator gave a brief update which included the following: proof roll complete for Lot 2 of Greenmount Road with paving starting tomorrow; still waiting on CenturyLink(Brightspeed) to remove pole; well abandonment at intersection of Hykes/Greenmount being completed by Negleys; prepping Greenmount Road for winter; PennDOT HOP submitted for Township's Molly Pitcher Hwy. project; the Open House for the Park Maintenance Building was well attended, approximately 75 people; Career Day at the Elementary School this coming Friday.

The Roadmaster gave a brief update for the Road Department which included the following: Winter Prep Meeting will be held this Friday with all Road Dept. staff and plow drivers; road plans will be reflected in budget; radar trailer/sign in front of M&T Bank for Trick or Treat; crack sealing to be done all next week; prepping pad for stone bins; getting trucks ready for winter; and sign work being completed.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 adopting, by Resolution #368, the 2023 Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing the hire of two (2) additional staff members for the Road Department.

Baer stated that he and the Administrator had a meeting with several developers/contractors and now the Administrator will setup a meeting with the appropriate Township staff members and Dewberry (Township Engineer firm) to discuss their specific concerns.

Alleman stated that there was to be a "Township Limit" sign installed on Vivian Drive marking where the Township ends and the Borough begins and asked the Roadmaster to see to the installation. Alleman also requested that two (2) mountable digital speed limit signs be added to the 2024 budget.

Heraty thanked the Volunteer EMT and Firefighters. Heraty said he is happy to see the Administrator/Roadmaster is getting this accomplished with a sense of purpose.

Young echoed the sentiments of Heraty and reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Murray apologized again to Medina Stockslager for her concerns being lost in the turnover of the Roadmaster position and he thanked Gene Macri for sharing his insight.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, asked if the outdated information on electronic recycling has been removed from the Township website. The Administrator confirmed that the data has been removed.

Dianne Smith, 7498 Angle Road, asked if the Township had regular communication or reports from the State Police. The Administrator stated that there is no regular reporting from the State Police to our Township at this time but would inquire if one could be established.

Dale Hoffstetter, 791 Woodland Parkway, stated that he noticed the manhole covers in State Line have been marked with green X's and asked if they are getting ready to be addressed. Hoffstetter also commented that there is a bad dip on Woodland Parkway where the culvert is located. The Roadmaster stated that they have been marked, measured and ordered, but it can take as long as 18 months for delivery.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m. and enter the Executive Session.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. and enter back into the Regular Session.

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Murray stated that during the Executive Session personnel and legal matters were discussed with no decisions to announce.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell  
Board of Supervisors Secretary