

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting

January 9, 2024

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Fred Young, Chairman; Pat Heraty, Vice Chairman; John Alleman, Rick Baer and Chad Murray. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Chris Ardinger, Administrator/Roadmaster; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer.

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

Young 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.

Young recognized Boy Scout, Ben Flory, in the audience and told him he would be happy to answer any questions that he may have throughout the meeting.

Young called for Public Comment. There were none.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the December 26, 2023, Regular meeting.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0-1 (*Heraty abstained as he did not attend this meeting.*) approving the minutes from the January 2, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated January 9, 2024.

Visitor, Charles Prettyman, 780 Zarger Road, thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing him time to speak and he also thanked staff for their assistance with putting the pictures he sent the Township up on the smart board for the Supervisors to view during the meeting. Mr. Prettyman outlined four (4) issues he has with the granary next to his property which are affecting the quality of life on his property.

1. Extreme noise; 2. Grain dust; 3. Extreme big truck traffic; 4. Water quality of two nearby streams.

Several other audience members expressed their concerns with this same granary that Mr. Prettyman was discussing. Wayne Wissinger (Grindstone Hill Road) said the vent noise is bad even where he is, but said the truck traffic is worse; Justin Wert (Grindstone Hill Road) said the air quality is so bad from this grain site that it coats his vehicles, roof and porch; Jeff Ott (Grindstone Hill Road) mentioned that a big truck caught the electrical line at the road and ripped the electrical line off his house and drug it down the road; David Slye (Zarger Road) stated that the particulates in the air are quite severe and that it couldn't be good for your health, also he has to pressure wash his home several times a year because of the grain dust; Connie Slye (Zarger Road) stated that the semi-trucks must take such wide turns to get onto Zarger Road that they have to utilize the oncoming traffic lane and this presents a safety hazard; Jim Peters (Zarger Road) mentioned that the particulates are so bad during certain times of the year that it looks like snow on his security cameras.

Baer left the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting the stormwater exemption request for James and Donna Martin, Strite Road. The Township engineer firm (Dewberry) has reviewed the request and determined that the site meets the stormwater exemption criteria as long as they correct the plan for consistency. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this exemption.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request from §110-49, well location, for 14393 Walnut Loop, and authorized the Chairman to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement. The modification allows the well to be 30' from the sewer main line and 15' from the single-family home. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this well modification.

Baer returned to the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §125 (Land Development) and §126 (Stormwater Management) for 10655 Antrim Church Road for a 24' x 72' (1,728 SF) addition to the back of the municipal building and a 10' x 40' (400 SF) addition to the side of the wash bay. Both of these additions will be over existing impervious ground. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Red Oak Estates, Scarlet Circle.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Conservation Easement Agreement for Red Oake Estates, Scarlet Circle.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 5-0 granting a 180-day extension for Franklin Veterinary Associates, Buchanan Trail West. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 granting a 60-day extension for the Keystone Crossings Exemption Mailer, I-81/South Young Road.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 accepting the withdrawal of the RFPW-NBD (Request for Planning Waiver-Non Building Declaration) and the Component 1 for James and Donna Martin, Strite Road. It has been determined that a Component 2 is needed for this property.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 to release \$12,394.00 of the current escrow being held for Heritage Estates West Phase 1, for the completion of sidewalks on lots 43, 47 and 21.

An Alleman/ Heraty motion passed 5-0 to table the Agricultural Security Addition (ASA) for Larry E. and Grace E. Meyers, 752 Zarger Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended adding 12 acres into the Township's ASA program.

Solicitor Lisko called for an Executive Session to discuss the Bear Peak appeal.

The Township Administrator gave a brief update on the Roads Department work for the last two weeks and also gave a recap of the first snow event of the year, stating that the Township had 13 crew members out in 13 trucks with minimal issues and complaints.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving Gavin Barnhard (Mercersburg) as an additional alternate SEO (Sewage Enforcement Officer) for Antrim Township.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving, by Resolution # 371, the 2024 Antrim Township Fee Schedule.

Baer thanked the road team for clearing the roads so efficiently.

Alleman asked the Roadmaster to see about lowering the speed limit from the cemetery on Route 16 to the Borough of Greencastle line, stating that the number of calls for accidents in this area are increasing.

Heraty stated it is a honor to be re-elected and looks forward to serving as Vice Chairman in 2024. He also stated that Antrim Township has at least 115 miles of roads and praised the road team for their dedication and efficiency in clearing the roads during this last snow event.

Young called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, stated that the Brownsmill Road sign was damaged by a plow truck and stated that the handicap parking spot at the Township building needs to be reconfigured to allow more room to exit a vehicle against the tall curb. Mr. Smith also inquired about a helicopter that was circling the Rhodes Grove Camp area a few days back, to which Alleman stated that the helicopter was for a medical emergency and was looking for a place to land.

Gavin Barnhart, the newly appointed alternate SEO, introduced himself and said hello to the Supervisors.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the regular meeting, into Executive Session, at 8:19 p.m.

Heraty left the Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

An Alleman/Murray motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back to the regular meeting, at 9:16 p.m.

Young announced that the Bear Peak appeal and potential litigation were discussed during the Executive Session.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell  
Board of Supervisors Secretary