

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

March 12, 2024

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met March 12, 2024, at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Fred Young, 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. (*Pat Heraty was absent.*)

Young called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Baer made the announcement that Supervisor Pat Heraty lost his father this past Sunday and asked everyone to remember Pat during this difficult time.

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

Young recognized the following audience members: Stewart McCleaf, Chairman Washington Township; Ben Thomas Jr., Mayor Borough of Greencastle; and Michael Buckley, PA State Constable.

Young called for Public Comment.

Stewart McCleaf, Chairman, Washington Township, offered condolences to Pat Heraty on behalf of Washington Township.

Ben Thomas, Jr., Mayor, Borough of Greencastle, offered condolences to Pat Heraty on behalf of the Borough of Greencastle. Mayor Thomas also thanked the Board of Supervisors for their generous funding support of the area's volunteer organizations over the years through the Park Grant program and other funding sources.

Ardinger stated that Mayor Thomas delivered in person tonight a letter of support from the Borough for the Township's current DCNR Grant application.

Lisko stated that the Township's Park Grant program was started while Ben Thomas Jr. was the Township's Administrator.

An Alleman/Murray motion passed 4-0 approving the minutes from the February 27, 2024, Regular meeting.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated March 12, 2024.

The Zoning Officer stated that the decision was made to table the modification request from §125-15(A), (D), and (G), Conservation Practices for James and Donna Martin, Strite Road, until all members of the Board of Supervisors are present.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 granting the stormwater exemption request for Chloe Court Partnership, Hykes Road. Since the last meeting the Township has received additional support documents that show this lot will not impact the Hykes Farm. The Township engineer firm (Dewberry) recommended granting this exemption as the duplex lots meet the requirements in the ordinance and the Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this exemption.

An Alleman Baer motion passed 4-0 granting the stormwater exemption request for Evan and Kelsey Martin, Clay Hill Road/Horst Road, lot addition. The engineer firm, Dewberry, confirmed the lot meets the exemption criteria, but expressed concern with the parcel being in a high quality watershed. Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this exemption due to the 180' distance from the Muddy Run creek.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 4-0 granting the modification request from §125-17(A)(6)(a)(1)(j), snow easement location, for ACBP (Antrim Commons Business Park) Conservancy Lane Subdivision, as depressed curbs will be installed to allow for snow to be pushed over the sidewalks into the snow easements. The Roadmaster does not have concern with the snow easements being in the proposed locations and the Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting the modification due to the proposed changes.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 4-0 granting a 120-day extension request for Keystone Crossing, South Young Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this extension.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 granting a 180-day extension request for the following three plans. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting these extensions.

1. US Cold Storage, Hykes Road, Land Development.
2. Century Industrial Development, Molly Pitcher Highway, Land Development.
3. The Chambersburg Hospital, Eastern Avenue, lot addition.

A Murray/Alleman motion passed 4-0 acknowledging the plan withdrawal letter for Greencastle DGS , Buchanan Trail West.

A Murray/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving the preliminary plan for Red Oak Estates, 37 lot residential subdivision, Scarlet Circle, with the condition that the ATMA (Antrim Township Municipal Authority) Facilities Agreement must be provided with a \$15,000.00 escrow payment before any earth disturbance can occur.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 conditionally approving the final plan for Franklin Veterinary Associates, Land Development, Buchanan Trail West, pending the receipt of financial security in the amount of \$102,485.35.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Helen I. Shook Irrevocable Trust to Antrim Investment Group LLC, lot addition, Shanks Church Road..

An Alleman/Murray motion passed 4-0 conditionally approving the final plan for Grove US Paint Building, Land Development, Buchanan Trail East, pending the receipt of the plan in State Plane 83 South.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Chloe Court Partnership, 4-lot subdivision, Hykes Road. This plan creates two duplex lots with four (4) dwelling units.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving the final plan for Evan and Kelsey Martin, lot addition, Clay Hill Road/Horst Road.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 4-0 authorizing staff to release in full the Letter of Credit being held for All Boxed Up, Grindstone Hill Road/Bemisderfer Road, in the amount of \$10,000.00, as the grading has been completed and the as-built drawing is acceptable.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 conditionally authorizing staff to release in full the escrow funds being held for Sheetz #553, Antrim Commons Drive, in the amount of \$24,684.00, as the site has been inspected and the as-built drawing is acceptable, pending the installation of a stop sign and a few miscellaneous directional signs.

Ardinger gave an update on the following departments:

- Roads: completely cleaned-up and organized shop; ran some electrical lines to tie everything together; hot water improvements; and cleaned up all vehicles/equipment; tree trimming; assist with some wires down due to wind storm; cold mix in certain areas; shifting into Spring clean-up work; assisting at park and with fire hydrant project.
- Public Works: fire hydrant project; working to ensure pumping at capacity at Lift Station #5; fixed leaks in Willowdale; “chasing” water from Greencastle Greens and Heritage Estates to see if that is an issue; Coseytown leaks have been located and scheduling repairs as soon as possible.
- Parks: getting ready for a busy Spring/Summer season; applying for DCNR Grant and collecting letters of support from various agencies.
- Administrator: Greenmount Road is gearing up to start the full depth reclamation this Thursday (weather permitting) which will take five (5) days and then will need to sit for another five (5) days; Greenmount Road is scheduled to be completed by the end of May; working through some HOP (Highway Occupancy Permit) items for Conrad Court-Township’s Molly Pitcher Hwy. property and the advertisement for utility bids was done with the bid opening on 3/11/2024.

Ardinger reviewed the change order #2 from Liberty Excavators, Inc. explaining that due to delays with Brightspeed relocating their communication lines and utility poles, Liberty Excavator’s subcontractors were required to postpone the completion of work until Spring 2024. Their subcontractors are experiencing escalated costs associated with equipment and materials due to the contract period extending into a subsequent year. The total escalation cost is \$19,669.80.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 approving change order #2 from Liberty Excavator’s Inc. for \$19,669.80. The Supervisors encouraged the Roadmaster to challenge the price increase explanation until he is comfortable with how the numbers were derived.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0 to award the two lowest bidders on the bid tabulation sheets for the Molly Pitcher Highway Utility Infrastructure Improvements. The lowest bidder for the Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Improvements was Kinsley Construction Inc. at \$721,978.00. The lowest bidder for Electrical Construction was Huntzberry Brothers, Inc. at \$70,995.00.

Murray requested an update on the FPR and Ardinger confirmed that there is a public work session scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shady Grove Community Center to discuss FPR (Food Processing Residual) and that the attorney that the Township has retained for this matter, Joseph Clement, will be in attendance.

Baer stated that the Park Director is at a park convention to gather working information for the Township and that this year marks the 175th anniversary of Martins Mill Bridge and that the park committee is working on some type of celebration to mark the occasion.

Alleman stated that he hopes the neighboring municipality of Washington Township and that of the Borough of Greencastle will attend the scheduled FPR work session on April 2, 2024, stating that FPR affects all of us in the area.

Young mentioned that he brought up FPR at the last COG (Council of Governments) meeting and gave them a heads-up of needing their support on this matter.

Young called for Public Comment.

Lori Clopper, Hollowell Church Road, asked if the Franklin County Commissioners are on board with assisting in getting a grip on FPR, stating that the Cumberland County Commissioners have already written letters to DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) on the matter.

Robert Smith, Angle Road, reported that there is a broken off utility pole on Browns Mill Road with a cable hanging from it that is flapping in the road when the wind blows.

Ben Thomas Jr., Mayor, Borough of Greencastle, confirmed that he has been following the FPR issue and hopes that Pennsylvania can produce the same legislation that they have in Maryland and Virginia.

An Alleman/Murray motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary