

April 28, 2009 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

April 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Curtis Myers, Fred Young III, James Byers and Sam Miller. Others attending included John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham; Township Administrator, Sylvia House, Zoning Officer and Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairman Rick Baer was absent from the meeting.

Visitors: Steve Zeller, Brinjac Engineering. See attached sign-in sheet for a list of visitors.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Myers called for Public Comment. John McDowell of 11836 Carol Ave., the Secretary of the Home Owners Association for Melrose Meadows addressed the Supervisors regarding a signature sheet he received at the last HOA meeting from the Homeowners at Melrose Meadows regarding the spare lot currently owned by Tom Shook. The signature sheet that was signed by 23 of the HOA members states that they support the 8-10 acre common area to be made into a Green Space and Wildlife Preserve. The HOA has a Board meeting on May 5th to discuss how much the HOA could contribute to subsidize the cost of the plantings.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Byers abstained as he was absent from the April 13th meeting & Baer was absent from tonight's meeting) to approve the Joint meeting minutes of April 13, 2009.

A Miller/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2009.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the payment of bills on the Treasurer's reports dated April 28, 2009.

Steve Zeller, Brinjac Engineering addressed the Supervisors regarding alternative options for upgrading the Sewer Plant. They initially were looking at an alternative that would create composting from the sludge process; however they did not like some of the issues that would be encountered with composting. The costs for the upgrades at the Sewer Plant are going to be approximately \$3-4 million. There is currently Stimulus money available through PennVest, however the deadline to apply for the funding is May 17, 2009. The Stimulus money that is available is for "Green" projects. Brinjac is currently looking at pursuing a process called a Solar Sludge Dryer process that produces Class A Sludge. Brinjac is working with Parkson Environmental who is testing this process and trying to get EPA certification. The process would require 2 solids drying chambers to be installed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Township currently meets 3 of the 5 requirements for the grant funding through PennVest. 60% of the design for this project must be done to submit to PennVest for Part 1 of the grant submission. Brinjac will need \$67,000.00 from the Township to proceed with the proposal for Part 1 of the grant submission that is due by May 17th. Grant applications and funding will be awarded in Mid-July. Brinjac needs a resolution from the Supervisors to spend the \$67,000.00 to move forward with Part 1 of the grant submission.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to authorize \$67,000.00 to be paid to Brinjac

Engineering to proceed with Part 1 of the PennVest grant submission with the condition that if we do not receive the grant money and we get approved for a loan instead with PennVest; the Supervisors will be able to negotiate engineering fees with Brinjac and decide if they want to move forward with the proposed upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to authorize Chairman Myers to sign the above proposal from Brinjac Engineering.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the slip lining/camera project from Brinjac Engineering to make repairs to the cracked and/or broken sewer lines at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$42,325.00.

A Young/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the UV project proposal in the amount of \$28,500.00 from Brinjac Engineering to identify the control mechanism for leachate from the landfill.

A Young/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to authorize Chairman Myers to sign the revised documents from DEP for the Dice agreement for a low-flow treatment facility on Patton Bridge.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve a final plan for Paul Hissong, a residential lot addition on McDowell Road and Ridge Road.

A Byers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve a final plan for David Welch, a 3-lot subdivision on Molly Pitcher Highway.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to reduce a bond from \$1,113,118.00 to \$162,228.00 for Moss Springs Phase IIA as long as the new bond is received no later than noon on Friday, May 8, 2009 or the Township will begin the process to pull the original bond. The bond was originally received in 1999 and had not been reduced since then.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to increase the bond from \$75,174.00 to

\$82,691.40 for Pleasant Walk Estates as long as the new bond is received no later than noon on Thursday, June 4, 2009 or the Township will begin the process to pull the original bond.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the Pretreatment Application/Survey Administration Fee schedule for the Pretreatment Program for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The fees are as follows:

<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
Pretreatment Application/Survey Administration Fee	\$50.00
Permit Application Fee	\$35.00
Permit Fee	\$700.00
Discharge Certification Fee	\$35.00
Spill Containment Certification Fee	\$35.00
General Inspection Fee	\$35.00

A Myers/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Baer was absent and Byers was absent from the room) to approve the Change Order from David H. Martin for the ATCP baseball field infields. They are going to use a locally produced infield mix that works as well as the original mix that was proposed but this product is going to cost \$3,100.00 less.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 3-1 (Young opposed and Baer was absent) to approve the proposal from Columbia Gas to replace the entire gas line at the ATCP at a cost of \$15,000.00 to Columbia Gas. Excavation of the gas line was approved with the cost not to exceed \$6,500.00. Two quotes have been received so far for excavation of the gas line.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator, addressed the Supervisors regarding a Joint Meeting that is held annually between the Greencastle Borough Council, the Greencastle-Antrim School Board and the Antrim Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Graham wanted to know if the Supervisors would be available on Thursday, May 7th at 5:00 p.m. for this Joint Meeting. The Supervisors said they would let Mr. Graham know by tomorrow if they would be available.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-1 (Byers opposed and Baer was absent) to approve the replacing of the front door on the Township building at a cost of \$7,500.00.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator, addressed the Supervisors regarding the installation of traffic signals for the ATAPCO project. The original ATAPCO plans called for four new traffic signals. Solicitor Lisko advised the Supervisors that no traffic signals would be installed unless the Township applies for the permits. It was discussed that the maintenance costs for the traffic signals would be the responsibility of the Township. No motions were made on this matter at this time.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding the Student Representative, Peter Oppliger. Mr. Graham wanted the Supervisors to be aware that Peter was inducted into the National Honor Society and he wanted to offer congratulations to him on his accomplishment. The Supervisors shared in Mr. Graham's sentiments to Peter.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve an Identity Theft Program for Antrim Township that will help to prevent against identity theft for residential sewer/water accounts that are held by the Township.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the proposed increase to the Antrim Township Street Lights bills as proposed by Rose Knable, Utility Billing Clerk for the Township; effective July 1, 2009.

The Street Light rate increases will be as follows:

Ryan Lane customers will increase from \$5.83 per quarter to \$12.50 per quarter

Colonial Drive customers will increase from \$4.58 per quarter to \$9.50 per quarter

State Line customers will increase from \$4.57 per quarter to \$9.50 per quarter (previously these accounts were billed yearly at a cost of \$18.27 per year but they will now be billed quarterly)

A Miller/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the awarding of the Antrim Township Community Park grants totaling \$31,500.00 as recommended by the Park Committee. The grant awards are as follows:

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Grant Amount Awarded</u>	<u>To Be Used For</u>
Kauffman Ruritan Community Center	\$4,000.00	Fencing

Shady Grove Improvement Association	\$4,220.00	Volleyball Court
G-A Midget Football Association	\$4,500.00	1 Set of Bleachers
Greencastle-Antrim YMCA	\$2,500.00	Summer Recreation Program
Jerome R. King Playground Association	\$5,000.00	Unspecified Play Equipment
Greencastle-Antrim Soccer Association	\$3,000.00	Pedestrian Crossing
G-A Baseball/Softball Association	\$3,300.00	Blacktop, Safety Netting & Tarp System
Youth Soccer Organization	\$3,500.00	Goals
Venture Crew 95	<u>\$1,480.00</u>	See Saw, Mulch & Quickrete
Totals	\$31,500.00	

Brad Graham, Township Administrator, addressed the Supervisors regarding a letter that was received from Greencastle-Antrim Area Development Corporation regarding a loan/grant request for funding of infrastructure improvements to “open up” 50 acres of the South Antrim Business Center. They are requesting a loan/grant in the amount of \$1,010,000.00 that will create a minimum of \$5 million of investment and the creation of 75 new jobs in the Township within 5 years. Solicitor John Lisko would like to research the legal issues involved with this request to find out if we can do this as a Township. The item was tabled until the next meeting until more information can be obtained.

The rental fee for the gazebo pavilion at the Antrim Township Community Park was discussed. The Supervisors decided that no fee and no reservations would be required for the rental of the gazebo pavilion since it is a smaller area and would not warrant our current \$50.00 pavilion rental fee.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to approve the removal of Robert C. Whitmore, Larson Wenger, BJ Roberts, Jr., Scott Diffenderfer, Ben Thomas, Jr. and Renee G. Perrin as authorized representatives from the PLGIT investment accounts and to add Curtis W. Myers, Mary A. Klein and Bradley Graham as authorized representatives to the PLGIT investment accounts.

There was a discussion at this time to appoint two Board members to be available on paydays to sign paychecks. It was decided that Supervisor Sam Miller would be the Board member who will come in on paydays to sign paychecks and Chairman Curtis Myers will be the alternate.

The regular meeting adjourned at this time into Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:56 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

Solicitor Lisko announced that the K. Hovnanian lawsuit, Moss Spring Estates lawsuit, Jeff Todd legal matters and the lawsuit filed by the 5 previous Township employees were discussed in the Executive Session.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to authorize Sylvia House, Zoning Officer to sign any and all documents pertaining to the Moss Spring Estates litigation.

A Young/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Baer was absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary/Treasurer