

# **July 14, 2009 - Antim Township Board of Supervisors**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 14, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Curtis Myers, Vice Chairman Rick Baer, Fred Young III, Sam Miller and James Byers. Others attending included John Lisko, Solicitor and Brad Graham; Township Administrator. Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors and Sylvia House, Zoning Officer were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet for a list of visitors.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Myers called for Public Comment. Jeff Todd, resident addressed the Supervisors regarding the Stormwater Management Plan that he has submitted to the Township. He wanted to know why the plan was taking so long to be approved. Brad Graham, Township Administrator responded that the Stormwater plan is almost complete and a revised plan was submitted by Mr. Todd's engineer to the Township engineer, Martin & Martin and they are in the process of reviewing the revised plan. Mr. Todd also mentioned that he has filed 14 complaints against his neighbors, the Myers and he asked that the Supervisors give them the same treatment that he was given in addressing the complaints. The Supervisors acknowledged Mr. Todd's request and said they would look into the matter.

A Baer/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2009.

A Baer/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers abstained as he was absent from the June 30<sup>th</sup> worksession) to approve the worksession minutes of June 30, 2009.

A Miller/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve the payment of bills on the Treasurer's reports dated July 10, 2009.

A request for the Moss Springs cul de sac was tabled at this time.

A Byers/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote to approve the increase of a bond by 10% for Cedarbrook from \$104,786.18 to \$115,264.80 as long as the new bond is received no later than noon on July 22, 2009.

A Young/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve a change order for the Grant Shook Road box culvert project for a deduction in the amount of \$2,113.00 to remove item # 0469-0001 – the Superpave HMA Wearing Course from the contract.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the public and press that was present at tonight's meeting regarding the re-opening of Grant Shook Road due to the box culvert project. He mentioned that DEP had some concerns that needed to be worked out and the base course had to be put on before the road could be opened to traffic. He said they hoped to open the road within the next two weeks.

There was discussion at this time regarding a Decentralized Water/Wastewater Ordinance that was written but was never adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Steve Zeller, Brinjac Engineering addressed the Supervisors and stated that he believes that the Township does have a Decentralized

Wastewater Ordinance under the Chapter 71 code. The Board of Supervisors would like to review the ordinances and make a decision at a later time.

A letter of support was presented to the Supervisors from ATAPCO regarding a loan they would like to apply for from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for the Antrim Business Park, LP for crucial transportation infrastructure improvements in Antrim Township. They would like the Supervisors to authorize a letter of support for the loan. Supervisor Miller had some reservations about the letter because he would like to see some land reserved for a manufacturing type business that could offer more jobs than a warehousing type business. Supervisor Miller wanted to table the item and set up a worksession with the Board of Supervisors, ATAPCO, Antrim Commons Business Park and the school district to discuss the matter further. Pat Coggins, Antrim Commons Business Park expressed his concerns stating that he cannot turn down a good deal if one presents itself to wait for something else. Mr. Coggins agreed that he would send Brad Graham, Township Administrator an update on their progress.

A Young/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve Brad Graham, Township Administrator to sign the support letter for the ATAPCO loan request to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator did a slide presentation at this time to show the progress of the Township budget at the half year point. He highlighted some of the revenues received and the expenditures at this time in the general and sewer funds.

There was a discussion at this time to approve the next phase of engineering fees from Brinjac Engineering for the Sludge Drier/Digester project. Brad Graham, Township Administrator did a slide presentation showing the engineering fees that were first proposed for the project and how the fees were lowered by Brinjac with their third proposal due to the fact that the engineering fees will not be covered by the grant that the Township may receive for the project. Brinjac is asking for an additional \$222,360.00 to continue with the project. These fees would be in addition to the \$67,000.00 that was already approved by the Board of Supervisors for the project. The Supervisors had some major reservations about authorizing these fees if the Township does not receive a grant for the project. The announcement of the grant is expected by Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The approval of the additional engineering fees in the amount of \$222,360.00 was tabled until next Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at a worksession that is going to be scheduled to discuss the project further. This will allow the Township additional time to see if the grant for the project will be approved.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding House Bill 1500 that includes legislation dealing with fees for State Police services. The Bill has gone out of committee and is closer to being put into law than before. This would greatly impact the Township because we currently rely on State Police services. The fees that would be incurred by the Township to continue utilizing State Police services would have a great financial impact on the Township. Bob Coladonato, resident and ATMA member addressed the Supervisors regarding another bill, House 747 that has been in legislation for at least 5 years. He encouraged the Supervisors to look at this legislation as well.

Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Klein addressed the Supervisors regarding the current delinquent tax collector for per capita taxes for the Township. At the last regular meeting on June 23, 2009, Supervisor Byers wanted more information on the fees that are charged by the current delinquent tax collector for per capita taxes, G.H. Harris Associates, Inc. Klein presented a letter to the Supervisors from G.H. Harris that stated that the fees to collect the delinquent taxes are charged to the taxpayer and not to the Township. The letter also stated that G.H. Harris Associates, Inc. has collected 85% of the delinquent taxes that were turned over for collection. Klein also presented a proposal from another delinquent tax collector, Berkheimer that also charges the collection fees to the taxpayer and not to the Township. Supervisor Byers asked Klein which company she recommends. Klein responded that she would

continue with G.H. Harris since they have done a good job for us in the past.

A Miller/Byers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve G.H. Harris Associates, Inc. as the delinquent tax collector for Per Capita Taxes for the 2008 tax year.

Supervisor Miller addressed Brad Graham, Township Administrator about the purchase of new phones, computers and security systems for the Township building that were discussed some time ago. Mr. Graham responded that they have been looking at a company where the computers and hardware could be purchased through the CoStars program. However, this would not cover the software support of the systems. Mr. Graham was concerned because he was trying to get an objective opinion on which type of computer system would work best for the Township. He would like to put the computer system out for bid but wants to know more about what systems are available and how they work. John Lisko, Solicitor suggested that Brad contact Frank Stern, a Township Supervisor who has worked with computers for many years and is now retired. He thought that Mr. Stern could give us an objective opinion on which systems would work best for the Township. Mr. Graham told the Supervisors that he would try to get recommendations for a new computer system by the end of summer.

Solicitor John Lisko announced that he will need an Executive Session to discuss the Moss Springs lawsuit.

Chairman Myers asked for public comment. Deb Barnhart, a resident on Worleytown road addressed the Supervisors regarding several accidents that are occurring on the turn in the road at her property where the vehicles involved have damaged objects on her property. The Supervisors responded that the road, even though it is located in the Township, is maintained by Penn-Dot. She wants the Supervisors to make a recommendation to Penn-Dot to put up a guide rail at the turn to help prevent accidents and keep the vehicles from causing damage to her property.

A Miller/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote to approve Brad Graham, Township Administrator to write a letter to Penn-Dot recommending that they put up a guide rail on Worleytown road where Deb Barnhart lives.

The regular meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

The Executive Session ended and the regular meeting resumed at 9:06 p.m.

Solicitor Lisko announced that the Moss Springs lawsuit was discussed in Executive Session and he needs the Supervisors to approve hiring an expert to extract e-mails pertaining to the Moss Springs lawsuit.

A Myers/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to approve hiring a computer expert to extract e-mails pertaining to the Moss Springs lawsuit.

A Baer/Miller motion passed with unanimous vote to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary/Treasurer