

# **July 22, 2009 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors**

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

### **WORKSESSION MEETING**

**July 22, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2009 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Vice Chairman Rick Baer, Fred Young III, James Byers, Brad Graham; Township Administrator and Mary Klein, Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Sam Miller arrived late to the meeting and Chairman Curtis Myers was absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See attached list.

Vice Chairman Baer called the worksession meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Myers and Miller were absent) to approve the hiring of a computer forensic firm to perform an analysis and back-up to retrieve e-mails from the Township computer system for the Moss Springs Lawsuit at a cost of \$2,235.00.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Penn-Vest grant that the Township applied for to cover the costs of upgrading the Sludge Digester/Drier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He announced that the Township was not awarded the grant or a loan from Penn-Vest for the project. Of the 138 applicants for the grant, the Township was ranked 133. Mr. Graham said the Township now has a few options to consider if they wish to move forward with the project. The options to consider are as follows:

1. Put the project on the shelf and address it a later time.
2. Continue with the project and consider other funding options (i.e. self-funding)
3. Consider applying for other grants that are available. There is an H2O grant that can be applied for that has to be submitted by August 4, 2009.
4. Modify the project and consider doing the digester upgrade only.

Supervisor Byers asked how much of the digester portion was covered by the engineering fees that we have already paid to Brinjac. Mr. Graham responded that most of the engineering fees we have already paid were to cover the design of the project to apply for the Penn-Vest grant. Supervisor Young commented that we are no longer rushed to do this project and he would like to see what recommendations the Antrim Township Municipal Authority has on the project. The ATMA meets on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. They would like to table the discussion of the project until Tuesday night's meeting after they hear the comments from the ATMA. Supervisor Byers commented that when the Township initially applied for the grant and paid the initial engineering fees to Brinjac, he asked Steve Zeller from Brinjac if the engineering fees would be wasted if we did not receive the grant money. Mr. Zeller assured Supervisor Byers that the engineering fees would not be wasted. The Supervisors would like Mr. Graham to find out what the engineering fees could be put toward. Mr. Graham acknowledged that he would gather more information on the matter for Tuesday night's meeting.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Grant Shook Road box culvert project. He stated that all of the items that needed to be addressed for DEP have been done and approved by DEP. The Township is hoping to have the road open by Friday, July 31, 2009.

Paul Minnich, Roadmaster addressed the Supervisors regarding some issues and resident complaints he is receiving for a project that is being done on Coseytown Road. A permit has been issued by the Army Corps of Engineers to fill in a ravine behind a residents' home on Coseytown Road. The fill that is being brought in is coming from Maryland and contains dirt and other debris. Mr. Minnich believes the trucks are over the weight limit and they are damaging the road. There are also issues with trucks bringing in fill and the loads are not being tarped so debris is blowing off the trucks onto the roadway and onto resident's properties. The residents are also concerned with the trucks driving over the speed limit. Mr. Minnich has been out to the site several times to address debris on the road and to assess the holes in the road that are being caused by the heavy loads the trucks are bringing in to the project site. Mr. Minnich has contacted the Township Solicitor, John Lisko regarding the weight of the trucks that are traveling on the road and he stated that the road has no weight limits so we cannot enforce the issue. Mr. Minnich has contacted the supervisor of the project to address the issues with the trucks losing debris from their loads, the weight of the loads and the speed the trucks are traveling on the road. Some of the issues have improved since he has spoken to the supervisor but the weight of the loads is still an issue. Mr. Minnich is looking for direction from the Supervisors on how to proceed with this issue. The Supervisors told Mr. Minnich to contact the Pennsylvania State Police to have them check the weights of the trucks to ensure they are not overweight.

Supervisor Miller arrived at this time – 5:34 p.m.

Supervisor Young brought up the fact that the Township had a weight/traffic study done on another Township road for a cost of \$2,500.00. He would like Mr. Graham to contact Martin & Martin to get a proposal to do a weight/traffic study on Coseytown Road and also contact DEP to check the fill that is being dumped to ensure it is safe and acceptable. The Supervisors would like to act on this issue at Tuesday night's meeting.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) to adjourn the worksession meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary/Treasurer