

September 8, 2009 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Curtis Myers, Vice Chairman Rick Baer, Supervisors James Byers and Fred Young. Others attending included John Lisko, Solicitor; and Brad Graham, Township Administrator. Supervisor Sam Miller, Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors, Sylvia House, Zoning Officer, and Mary Klein, Secretary were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Myers called for Public Comment.

Mr. Gary Yates, resident expressed concern with a large propane tank near the intersection of Williamson Rd. / Stonebridge Rd. that is creating a visual obstruction and potentially a vehicle accident. Paul Minnich, Roadmaster will look into this issue.

Mr. Yates addressed another concern of a depression in Stonebridge Rd. near the bridge. Mr. Minnich replied that this was a State road but that he would contact PennDOT regarding this.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to approve the August 11, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

Minutes for the August 25, 2009 minutes were not presented for approval at this time but will be available at the next meeting.

A Baer/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated September 8, 2009.

Ryan Carty, Troop 99 Eagle Scout candidate: Presented plans for two dugouts at one of the fields at ATCP; reviewed the blueprints and pricing list; mentioned that due to the slab already being poured he would now need to cut and dig out the area for installing the footers. Ryan also inquired if the BOS would be willing to provide the money that was originally budgeted for benches (as part of the park project) towards the cost of the dugouts, which would include benches.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to approve the installation of two dugouts at one of the fields at ATCP and allocate \$2,000 towards the project.

Al Jimmick, resident, requested AT to consider establishing a Better Business Bureau to deal with shoddy contractors as the result of poor work that was done on his property. A list that would indicate the poor contractors and be maintained for the public's knowledge. Rick responded (as a contractor) that a program already exists through the State Attorney General's office. The Township will make an effort to make the public more aware of this resource.

The Towns on Hykes Road has a bond in the amount of \$700,078.48 that is up for review. No additional work has taken place and 10% needs to be added. The new bond amount would be \$770,086.33 and must be in place by 12:00pm on September 17, 2009 or the bond will be called.

A Myers/Baer motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to approve the new bond in the amount of \$770,086.33, which must be in place by 12:00pm on September 17, 2009 or the bond will be called.

Rolling Hills Deed of Dedication: The required corrections have been made to Oakley Lane, the Roadmaster has approved the corrections, and the ATMA has accepted the sewage lines. The bond was received and everything is in order.

Resolution #215: A Baer/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to accept the Deed of Dedication for Rolling Hills.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator acknowledged correspondence from the 717 Flying Disc Club and Washington Township.

Administrator Graham provided an update on the development of the “spare lot” between Melrose Meadows Phase I and Phase II. Attorney Debbie Hoff reviewed the original plans and indicated that in order for anything other than the original plans the Phase II residents would need to approve a change to the plans. Mr. Byers expressed that AT should actually own the property before any taxpayer money goes into it. The BOS granted approval for Mr. Graham to continue working towards establishing a natural area on this site.

Norfolk Southern has submitted a request for a support letter from AT for a grant request they are making with the federal government. The request is for \$300 million and will have matching amounts from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Norfolk Southern. These funds would be for the entire Crescent Corridor project. There would be no responsibility on the part of the Township. Some members of the BOS shared that a lot of concerns have been expressed regarding this project. The BOS did not authorize providing a support letter at this time and tabled the discussion.

A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th (time to be determined) to discuss the Norfolk Southern Intermodal Facility. This will be a session for the BOS and staff to discuss the issues and concerns that have been expressed and prepare for a meeting with Norfolk Southern.

Mr. Charles Frame from the Township’s auditing firm, Boyer/Ritter arrived at this time.

He reviewed the audit reports which show “a very healthy financial status”, once noting that this is partially due to the landfill funds. He also noted that there is zero liability compared to \$20 million in combined assets. A copy of the report will be made available on-line as well as at the Township Office.

A request for waiver from a sewer bill was received from Tim Nichols, owner of a property in Greencastle Greens. The ATMA recommended that the BOS approve this request with the conditions that it only be for a six-month period and that the property owner could make a new request if necessary at that time.

A Young/Baer motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) to grant the request for waiver from a sewer bill for Tim Nichols was approved with conditions that: a) it is only for a six-month period, and b) the property owner could make a new request if necessary at that time.

The Shady Grove Improvement Association returned a grant check that was awarded by the Park Committee from the annual grant awards. The group explained that they would be unable to complete the project proposed in their application this year. They requested that the amount they were returning be held until next year and added to any grant that is awarded next year. Following discussion the BOS did not move to grant the group’s request but rather stated that the group could make a new request next year and this year’s returned check will be taken into consideration.

A change order for concrete work at the ATCP was presented. The changes included: deleting the concrete pad between the four backstops and installing a concrete mow strip under the four backstops.

The net change to the contract would be a deduction of \$83,030.00.

A Young/Byers motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) to accept the change order for concrete work at the ATPC as a deduction in the amount of \$83,030 with D.H. Martin Excavating.

JWP has expressed the need to seek enforcement of the On-Lot System Ordinance with approximately 20 residents. JWP has attempted to bring about compliance through certified letters and phone calls. The residents on the list still have not complied. JWP's next step will be to notify those residents through a certified letter stating that failure to comply within 72 hours will result in a complaint being filed at the District Justice's office. Administrator Graham will be signing the letter as a representative of the Township.

A Young/Baer motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) for JWP to proceed with enforcement of the On-Lot System ordinance.

Administrator Graham informed the BOS that Freedom Systems performed a systems audit on the computer software that the Township is using. Their determination was that there is training that is needed as well as several modules of their program that would benefit AT to begin using. Graham expressed that he would like to move forward with the training as he and Mary Klein deem necessary as well as choose new modules to implement. Mr. Young noted that Freedom had agreed to provide two days of training at no charge, to which Graham replied that it was scheduled to be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

A Myers/Byers motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) to allow Mr. Graham and Ms. Klein the discretion to arrange for the Freedom training and choose the modules to implement.

Administrator Graham and Solicitor Lisko explained that a letter had been received from PLGIT informing us that their ownership had transferred therefore a transfer agreement was necessary to allow the Township's investment funds to be transferred to the new ownership.

A Baer/Myers motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) for the Chairman to sign the new PLGIT transfer agreement.

Mr. Graham shared that one of the BOS members asked if there would be interest in changing the scheduled September 22nd meeting to September 29th. The BOS members present stated that they will contact Mr. Graham with their availability for the 29th.

Mr. Myers reminded that the Budget process is upon us. He asked that any supervisors that have projects or concerns that should be budgeted for should begin to make a list. There will be Budget Work Sessions in the month of October to work on this.

Mr. Young shared a letter that was sent to him from the Rescue Hose Company requesting special recognition, award, or citation from the Township for a young man that was heroic in dealing with a fire at his home. Direction was provided to staff to prepare the proclamation and the BOS will approve it at that time.

Chairman Myers called for Public Comment.

Mr. Gary Yates addressed the BOS regarding a concern with parking along the road in the Sherwood development where he owns property. Vehicles often park on both sides of the road which causes a safety concern and restriction of traffic. The State Police suggested that he request the Township to install "No Parking" signs along the road. Mr. Lisko replied that a traffic study would likely be necessary before installing such signs. Graham will have the Roadmaster look into the possibility of establishing "No Parking" along one side of the road.

Mr. Yates addressed the BOS regarding his son's request for an in-home occupation which was denied

by the Zoning Officer. Mr. Lisko replied that this is a zoning issue which should be addressed with the Zoning Hearing Board.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm for an executive session to discuss the K Hovnanian / Meyers lawsuit as well as personnel matters.

The regular meeting was called back into session at 9:37pm.

Following the Executive Session Mr. Lisko explained that a motion was necessary to authorize the Chairman to sign the settlement agreements for the K. Hovnanian / Meyers suit.

A Byers/Baer motion was approved 4-0 (Miller absent) to authorize the signing of the settlement agreements for the K. Hovnanian / Meyers lawsuit.

A Baer/Young motion passed 4-0 (Miller absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Graham

Township Administrator