

September 15, 2009 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSESSION MEETING

September 15, 2009 5:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a worksession meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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, James Byers, Brad Graham; Township Administrator, Paul Minnich, Roadmaster and Mary Klein, Secretary/Treasurer.

Visitors: There were none.

Chairman Myers called the worksession meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers called for public comment – there was none.

Paul Minnich, Roadmaster addressed the Supervisors regarding several issues he has with the Norfolk Southern Intermodal Facility project that is taking place in the Township across from Exit 3 off I-81. Mr. Minnich mentioned the fact that the G-A Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting that Norfolk Southern representatives attended where they discussed the layout for the Intermodal facility. No plans have yet been submitted to the Township for this project. Mr. Minnich addressed the Supervisors regarding a list of issues he would like the Township to address with Norfolk Southern regarding the Intermodal facility project.

The first list of items Mr. Minnich addressed with the Supervisors were his concerns with Hykes Road, which will be affected by the project because there will be increased traffic on this road. This will be the result of traffic being re-routed from another Township road, Milnor Road, which will be closed once the Intermodal facility project is completed. Mr. Minnich's first concern was the length and width of the bridge that will be built on Hykes Road. He has been told by Norfolk Southern that the bridge area will be widened to 33 feet and will have fencing. Minnich is concerned about who will own the bridge and who will be responsible for maintaining the bridge. Mr. Minnich's second concern was whether or not a pedestrian crossing would be provided since they will be diverting traffic off of Milnor Road and he is concerned about pedestrian safety. The Supervisors agree that a pedestrian crossing will be necessary. The next concern Mr. Minnich addressed was the environmental issues with the stream under the tracks. Currently, there is erosion and the culvert under the tracks is deteriorating. The next item on Mr. Minnich's list is concerning an un-named tributary before the railroad crossing that is not shown on the Norfolk Southern drawings. He does not know if this will be fixed before the project gets underway. The next concern Mr. Minnich addressed was the access to the Township's sewer lines in the WCN properties. He is concerned that the Township will have no access point to the sewer lines if there is an issue. His other concern was with the overpass and how the WCN properties will be accessed. Mr. Minnich's next concern was regarding the abandoned section of roadway on Hykes Road and whether or not it will remain or be removed and who will be responsible for it. He is wondering whether the Township will take it over. The next discussion focused on the increased traffic on Hykes Road that will result from the closing of Milnor Road. According to the traffic studies conducted by Norfolk Southern, there will be 800 extra cars traveling on Hykes Road once the project is completed. Mr. Minnich is wondering if the Township will see any extra money from Norfolk Southern to help repair the remainder of Hykes Road and if Norfolk Southern will assist with the remediation of the

intersection at Williamsport Pike and Hykes Road due to the increased traffic from the closing of Milnor Road. Supervisor Sam Miller is curious about how many miles the Norfolk Southern traffic study covered. The Supervisors would like Mr. Minnich to set the Township's traffic counting equipment out on Hykes Road to get our own traffic counts.

The next list of items Mr. Minnich addressed with the Supervisors were his concerns with Milnor Road, which will be affected by the project because the road will be closed off where the Intermodal facility will be built. Mr. Minnich is concerned about whether or not the Township will take over Milnor Road once this project is complete because it is currently a State road. Supervisor Young asked how much money the Township would receive in Turnback money from the State if we would take over Milnor Road. Mr. Minnich responded that we would receive \$4,000.00 per mile in Turnback money and then we would receive Liquid Fuel money for the entire road each year. Once Milnor Road is closed, he is concerned about where the cul-de-sacs will be located. Mr. Minnich's next concern is the guide rails at Rocking M lane that will need to be replaced. He is concerned that the cost to replace the guide rails will be the responsibility of the Township if we take over Milnor Road. He is also concerned about the historical marker near Williamsport Pike that needs to be protected. He has also recommended to Norfolk Southern that they install gates equipped with Knox boxes to provide access at the end of both cul-de-sacs for emergency vehicles.

The next list of items Mr. Minnich addressed with the Supervisors were his concerns with Commerce Avenue, which will be affected by the project because there will be increased truck traffic traveling to and from the new Intermodal facility. The concern here is that the road is not ready for more truck traffic because it is already deteriorating from the truck traffic from the Food Lion distribution center. Overall the road is in poor condition and Food Lion currently has 50 large trucks an hour that travel the road. They are concerned that Norfolk Southern is projecting 50 more trucks an hour and do not feel that the road will be able to handle the additional traffic. There was a discussion about the bridge at Fresh Express and whether or not it will be able to hold the additional truck traffic.

Supervisor Byers questioned about whether there is a breakdown of the money that is coming in for Exit 3. The new road cannot come out onto Route 11 until the Exit 3 project is done. The Right-of-Way has been obtained from the Mason Dixon Auto Auction and we have been told it will take two years to complete the Exit 3 project.

The next list of items Mr. Minnich addressed with the Supervisors were his concerns with Route 11, which will be affected by the project due to the increased truck traffic at the intersection with Commerce Avenue. Mr. Minnich's first concern is the fact that the Norfolk Southern plans do not show a left turn lane for northbound traffic at the intersection of Commerce Avenue. He also wants to know who will be responsible for applying for the permit to adjust the timing sequence at the traffic light at the intersection with Commerce Avenue.

The next list of items Mr. Minnich addressed with the Supervisors was his concerns with Armada Drive. He stated that the Township will need to review the engineer's drawings to ensure Penn-Dot Pub 408 standards are adhered to. He is also concerned about who would be responsible to rebuild the 200 foot section of the road in front of the Fresh Express building. He also feels the Township should review the E & S drawings and the Stormwater plans to ensure everything is being handled properly by Norfolk Southern.

Supervisor Miller stated that his main concern is whether Norfolk Southern will contribute to Hykes Road and the Route 11 and Williamsport Pike intersections. Hykes Road is already in bad condition. He feels we should ask Norfolk Southern for money to address these issues and we should not give them a free pass.

Supervisor Byers stated he is worried about Armada Drive.

The Supervisors would like to know how the Norfolk Southern traffic studies were done. The consensus was that we should schedule a meeting with representatives from Norfolk Southern to address our issues and prioritize which issues are more important. Supervisor Baer feels that Hykes Road needs to be re-built and re-done before the Norfolk Southern project gets underway. Mr. Minnich is seeking guidance from the Supervisors on how to address these issues and will speak with Frank Hobbs from Guilford Township to find out how they addressed these types of issues in their Township when the CSX Intermodal facility was built. The Supervisors would like a meeting to be scheduled with the full Board and representatives from Norfolk Southern and stated that the meeting could be done during the day.

A Young/Baer motion passed unanimously to adjourn the worksession meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary/Treasurer