

January 26, 2010 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS AND THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

January 26, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors and the Antrim Township Planning Commission held a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Board of Supervisors Chairman Rick Baer, Vice Chairman Curtis Myers, Supervisors Fred Young III and Sam Miller and Planning Commission members Lester Musselman, Larry Eberly, and Joel Wenger. Others attending included John Lisko, Board of Supervisors Solicitor, Deb Hoff, Planning Commission Solicitor, Sylvia House, Zoning Officer, Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors and Brad Graham, Township Administrator. Supervisor James Byers and Planning Commission members Delbert Myers and Richard Walck were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: Denny Carr – Marion Fire Company; AFLAC representatives Ron Taylor & Matthew Burnside and see attached list for a list of other visitors.

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

Chairman Baer called for Public Comment. Mr. Shearer was present again at tonight's meeting to address the Supervisors regarding the previous issue he brought to the Board regarding the recent paving that was done this year on Shinham Road. He has an implement shed along the road and since the paving was done, he cannot get the doors to his shed open enough to get his tractor out. Also, the shed has a dirt floor and he has a hard time getting his tractor out of the shed to put fuel in it. Mr. Shearer was upset because there was a crew out there today to cut the road away and he is concerned about water going into this shed.

Supervisor Miller arrived at this time – 7:07 p.m.

Chairman Baer addressed Mr. Shearer and said that the road was supposed to be lowered with a small swale to handle the run-off of the water. The height of the road was going to go back to the way it was prior to the paving. Mr. Shearer expressed that this would cause more problems with the road dropping off and he thinks it is a waste of taxpayer money to mill the road and shave off the 12 inches that were put on when the road was paved. He thinks the Township should pay him what we would pay to have the road milled down and he will move his shed back. Sylvia House, Zoning Officer stated that to comply with our current Zoning Ordinances, he would have to move the shed back 35 feet from the road. Mr. Shearer stated that he would not be able to move the shed back that far because there is a drop-off behind the shed. The Supervisors are in favor of milling the road and putting in the swale. No motions were made on the matter at this time.

Denny Carr, the President from Marion Fire Company addressed the Supervisors on behalf of the organization for their contribution to the fire company last year for generators. Their contribution enables Marion Fire Company to provide a safe haven for residents in the event of a disaster. Mr. Carr presented the Supervisors with a plaque from the fire company thanking them for their contribution. Chairman Baer accepted the plaque and thanked Mr. Carr for their continued service to the residents of Antrim Township.

Pictures that were taken at the Shearer property on Shinham Road were displayed on the overhead screen at this time.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to move forward with milling the road at the Shearer property on Shinham Road.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to rescind the previous motion to move forward with milling the road at the Shearer property on Shinham Road.

A Miller/Myers motion failed 2-2 (Baer and Young opposed & Byers was absent) to pay \$2,600.00 to Mr. Shearer less any mobilization fees towards the building (shed) providing he signs a mutual release agreement prepared by the solicitor.

Chairman Baer addressed Mr. Shearer and told him we would be in contact with him to discuss the matter further.

A Young/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Baer abstained & Byers was absent) to approve as written the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting minutes.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated January 26, 2010.

Secretary Mary Klein addressed the Supervisors regarding representatives that were present at tonight's meeting from AFLAC insurance company regarding adding their products as voluntary benefits to the Township employees current benefit package. The AFLAC voluntary benefits would provide several different plans for accident, sickness, cancer, specified health events and dental coverage plan insurance benefits that would be 100% employee funded and there would be no cost to the Township. Matthew Burnside and Ron Taylor from AFLAC addressed the Supervisors to see if there were any questions about the voluntary benefits they would be providing to the Township employees.

A Young/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve adding AFLAC insurance company voluntary benefits to the Township employees current benefit package for accident, sickness, cancer, specified health events and dental coverage plan insurance benefits that would be 100% employee funded and there would be no cost to the Township.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve a modification request from Land Development and Stormwater planning for Dennis and Renee Rife on Guitner Road to rebuild a poultry barn that burned down several years ago since the building existed previously.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer did a Zoning Presentation at this time and addressed the Supervisors and members of the Planning Commission to discuss the possibility of reducing zoning districts in the Township. Ms. House presented documents containing information on the current Zoning Districts in the Township and the proposed Zoning Districts. The discussion tonight will help the Township move forward with the Comprehensive Plan. A brief history was given of how we arrived at the 12 Zoning Districts we have today and that the uses in each district are the same but the standards for each district are different. The discussion tonight was to consolidate the 12 current Zoning Districts into 5 Zoning Districts: Agricultural, Rural Residential, Community Commercial, Highway Commercial and Industrial. A general discussion ensued with members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors about the pros and cons of reducing the current Zoning Districts of the Township. The presentation ended and it was decided that both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission will take time to think about the requested changes and it will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The Planning Commission members present adjourned their meeting at 8:43 p.m. and were excused from the rest of the Board of Supervisors regular meeting.

Solicitor John Lisko addressed the Supervisors regarding the improvements being done at Exit 3 and the \$3.4 M grant that the Township will be receiving for the project on behalf of ATAPCO. John had a conference call with Brad Graham, Township Administrator and representatives from ATAPCO

regarding the Assumption Agreement from Penn-Dot that needs to be entered into to obtain the Exit 3 grant. The Assumption Agreement states that \$850,000.00 of the engineering costs must be paid by the Township per Penn-Dot. ATAPCO has said they will reimburse the Township for all of the engineering costs and will enter into an agreement stating that they will do so. Solicitor Lisko feels that the Township should also require ATAPCO to submit a Letter of Credit and post a bond to the Township in the amount of \$1- \$3M for the project so that the Township is covered in case ATAPCO backs out of the project and does not reimburse the Township for the engineering costs. The Township could potentially be on the hook for the \$850,000.00 of engineering costs plus \$150,000.00 of additional costs and could lose Liquid Fuels Money from the State of approximately \$400,000.00 if the project and grant money is not managed per Penn-Dots requirements. The Supervisors agreed with Solicitor Lisko that we should make ATAPCO post a bond and they would like to see ATAPCO's plans before we sign the Assumption Agreement for Penn-Dot. The Supervisors would like ATAPCO to attend a future meeting to show us their plans for the project.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding a request that was received from the Operation God Bless America coordinator, AJ Davenport. The request is to close Grindstone Hill Road at Rt 16 to Leitersburg Road including Corporal Rihl Drive onto Grindstone from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2010 for the Operation God Bless America veterans benefit motorcycle ride.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve the closing of Grindstone Hill Road at Rt 16 to Leitersburg Road including Corporal Rihl Drive onto Grindstone from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2010 for the Operation God Bless America veterans benefit motorcycle ride.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding a letter that was received from Evon Barvinchack requesting a road name change for Old Williamsport Pike. Mr. Barvinchack would like the name of the road behind his office and house to be changed to Barvinchack Lane. The Supervisors would like to table the matter at this time to obtain more information.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to accept the resignation letter from Kara Fauver, Administrative Clerk effective January 27, 2010.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve hiring a temp for office clerical work. Administrator Graham addressed the Supervisors regarding upcoming projects for 2010.

1. Generators for lift stations and having propane tanks installed by the same contractor. The ATMA would like to obtain more information before proceeding so they can determine how old the existing generators are and if they really need to be replaced. Graham mentioned that routine maintenance on the generators should be done at least once a year.
2. Sewer line surveillance and maintenance in the Willowdale area will be done this year. Camera work and any necessary relining or repairs will be done.
3. The replacements of Lift Stations # 3 and 21 will be done this year and the money will be coming out of the ATMA's Repair & Improvement budget.
4. Preparation of bids for the following projects:
 - a. Paving for 2010 – Ridge, Talhelm, Lehman, Angle, Hollowell and Antrim Church @ the Route 16 intersection are among the roads that are on the list to be paved this year.
 - b. Mowing Contract for the Parks, Lift Stations, Township Building and Road edges.
 - c. Line painting of roads.
 - d. Aggregates

e. Fuel

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to have Brad Graham, Township Administrator prepare bids for the following projects:

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A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve the recommendation from the Antrim Township Municipal Authority to hire Attorney Linus Fenicle from Reager & Adler PC to serve as solicitor for the ATMA.

A recommendation from the Antrim Township Municipal Authority to hire Brinjac Engineering as the engineer for Sewer for the ATMA was tabled until the Supervisors obtain more information from the ATMA members on why they would like to continue with Brinjac.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to authorize Brad Graham, Township Administrator to sign the agreement from Boyer & Ritter to conduct the 2009 Township Audit at a cost of \$19,300.00.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to authorize Brad Graham, Township Administrator to sign the revised agreement from P. Joseph Lehman for the Martin's Mill Bridge earmark project.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to authorize the release of the 2010 General Fund contribution of \$75,000.00 to the Rescue Hose Fire Company and to approve a contribution in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Capital Improvement for Rescue Hose Fund to the Rescue Hose Fire Company for the purchase of a new emergency vehicle.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to amend the previous motion to hire attorney Linus Fenicle from Reager & Adler PC as per the fees in the agreement of \$140/hour and \$250/month for attendance at meetings.

Chairman Baer asked for public comment – there was none.

A Miller/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the joint meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary