

May 11, 2010 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Rick Baer, Vice Chairman Curtis Myers, and Supervisor James Byers. Others attending the meeting included John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; Peter Opplinger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors and Sylvia House, Zoning Officer. Supervisor Sam Miller was absent from the meeting. Supervisor Fred Young III arrived late to the meeting.

Visitors: See attached list.

Chairman Baer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Baer called for Public Comment. Peter Opplinger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors addressed the Supervisors about obtaining information on the scholarship that is offered by the Township. Brad Graham, Township Administrator responded to Peter and told him that we would gather some information and get it to him.

The approval of the minutes from 4/27/10 was tabled at this time as a quorum was not present to approve them.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated May 11, 2010.

A Myers/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a modification request from §125-45(U) for Molly Pitcher Highway PRD to allow for a 2% cross slope for streets greater than 26' instead of the 4% that is required by the Ordinance.

A Baer/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a modification request from 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) §125-45(O)(2) for Molly Pitcher Highway PRD to allow inlets on the roadway to be used instead of a swale between the curb and sidewalk. It was noted that the Township would be responsible for maintaining the inlets.

A Baer/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a modification request from §125-45 (R) for Antrim Commons Business Park Phase I amended and Phase II to not require a temporary cul de sac to be constructed since there is a cul de sac at the other end and the stub in this location is only approximately 40'.

Resolution #220: A Baer/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve the road name change from Old Williamsport Pike to Barvinchack Lane to be recorded at the Clerk of Courts office.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer addressed the Supervisors regarding Long Lane Road and research she has done since the last meeting. Mrs. House said she found that the name has changed every 10 years but nothing was done officially. She thinks we should just recognize the name of the road as Long Lane since the County, tax office and post office all have it this way. Mrs. House would notify the residents via letter and we would need to pass a resolution to officially name the road Long Lane.

A Baer/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve starting

the process to officially name Long Lane Road as Long Lane.

Resolution #221: A Myers/Byers passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to add the 98 acre farm owned by Oliver and Patricia Goetz of 12577 Worleytown Road as an Ag Security property to be recognized by the County. There are no utilities on the property.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer addressed the Supervisors and noted that the seven year review of the Ag Security properties in the Township will be done in 2011.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a 365-day extension request from Heritage Hills to allow additional time to work with the GAFCWA and receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a 180-day extension request for Century Commercial Park to allow additional time to address outstanding comments and receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

A Myers/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a final plan for Michael and Lisa Gross, a 1 lot subdivision on Milnor Road for the Norfolk Southern project.

A Baer/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a Request from Planning Waiver – Non-Building Declaration to be sent to DEP for PACMA for a simple lot addition to Norfolk Southern.

A Baer/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to approve a Request from Planning Waiver – Non-Building Declaration to be sent to DEP for Antrim Commons Business Park for a simple lot addition to Norfolk Southern.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to renew a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$75,174.00 for Pleasant Walk Estates.

A Myers/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to renew bonds in the amount of \$276,720.95 for Rolling Hills PRD stage 3; \$463,614.48 for Rolling Hills PRD stage 4 and \$944,344.50 for Rolling Hills PRD stage 5 as long as the new bonds are received no later than noon on June 11, 2010 or staff shall proceed with calling the bonds.

A Byers/Myers motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to renew a bond in the amount of \$114,400.00 for Melrose Meadows Phase 3 as long as the new bond is received no later than noon on June 15, 2010 or staff shall proceed with calling the bond.

A Myers/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Miller was absent & Young had not yet arrived) to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

A Byers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to resume the regular meeting and adjourn the Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Supervisor Young arrived at 7:30 p.m. during the Executive Session.

Solicitor John Lisko announced that in Executive Session the Supervisors discussed a claim that may be filed with the Public Utility Commission by Norfolk Southern unless an agreement can be reached with the Township.

Supervisor Byers addressed the representatives from Norfolk Southern that were present at tonight's meeting and expressed the Boards concerns. He stated that the Township does not want to own a bridge that could potentially bankrupt the Township in 50 years and we are also not interested in taking over Milnor Road. There are also issues with the traffic lights maintenance. These are some things that the Board of Supervisors are not going to accept. Supervisor Baer added that we need to set up a meeting with Roger Bennett from Norfolk Southern and get the right person here from Penn-DOT and possibly contact the County about taking over the bridge. Supervisor Byers added that we would want some

type of maintenance agreement in place for the bridge if we would have to take over ownership of it.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Township's insurance policy renewals. Jonathan Stough from Kilmer Insurance will be attending a meeting next month to discuss some discrepancies that were found by Dave Brinjac in the Statement of Values for the lift stations and Township buildings. There may need to be some adjustments done to the Statement of Values that may result in an increase in insurance rates. Mr. Stough has been working with our current insurance carriers and looking at other carriers to minimize the increase in cost we might experience due to the miss-statement of values that were made last year by Mr. Stough and Paul Minnich, former Township Roadmaster.

Supervisor Young gave the Board an update on the Shady Grove Park Facilities Grant request. Young stated that he has spoken to the Treasurer for Shady Grove and they discussed ways of doing the project in a more cost-effective way. They are also asking for donations and will present the Board with a revised grant request by the next regular meeting.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Mowing bid that was awarded to Tuscarora Landscaping. They cannot obtain bonding for the project so Mr. Graham stated that we could consider doing a change order or call the certified check that was received as a bid bond. The change order would eliminate Martin's Mill Bridge Park, Antrim Township Municipal Building and the Water Treatment Plant from the scope of work and take the contract amount to \$9,058.00.

A Young/Myers motion failed 2-2-0 (Miller was absent & Byers & Baer voted nay) to accept the change order to eliminate Martin's Mill Bridge Park, Antrim Township Municipal Building and the Water Treatment Plant from the scope of work and take the contract amount to \$9,058.00 for the Mowing bid to Tuscarora Landscaping.

Supervisor Byers stated he was not in favor of doing this because of the precedent it might set for future bidders of projects. Supervisor Young noted that if we converted the bid bond in the form of a check to a payment bond then we would have more security than we've had in the past. Solicitor Lisko noted that we need a motion to cash the certified check because Tuscarora Landscaping failed to comply with the contract and supply bonding to the Township

A Myers/Baer motion passed 3-1-0 (Miller was absent & Young voted nay) to give Tuscarora Landscaping seven more days from today to sign the contract and supply bonding or the Township will proceed with pulling the bid bond of \$2,350.00 if he cannot fulfill the contract and perform the work.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to reject any and all other Mowing bids that were received because they are not in the best interests of the Township.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Talhelm Road Box Culvert project and the fact that we received the contract documents this afternoon. Once Mr. Graham reviews the documents and makes sure everything is in order, he would like authorization to have Chairman Rick Baer sign the documents.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to grant authorization to Chairman Rick Baer to sign the documents for the Talhelm Road Box Culvert project.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors and those present regarding an e-mail he received this afternoon from PSATS regarding a plea to oppose a House bill that is being introduced to abolish local townships, cities and boroughs.

Mary Klein, Township Secretary addressed the Supervisors regarding the Ordinance that needs to be passed and the revised agreement that needs to be signed with PMRS to make the changes approved previously for the Antrim Township Pension Plan.

Ordinance #318: A Baer/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to pass the ordinance for changes that were made to the Antrim Township Pension Plan with PMRS.

A Young/Byers motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to approve signing the revised pension plan agreement with PMRS for the previously approved pension plan changes.

Mary Klein, Township Secretary addressed the Supervisors for a request to close the Township office on May 19, 2010 for a day of filing like was done last year.

A Myers/Baer motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to approve closing the Township office on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 for a day of filing.

Chairman Baer addressed the Supervisors regarding the PSATS magazine that each Board member receives at home. He thinks we should look at the money that is being spent on these subscriptions and just get one copy delivered to the Township building for everyone to view. Supervisor Young reminded the Supervisors that he addressed this last year when the PSATS membership renewal came up. The Supervisors decided that they would look into this when the PSATS membership renewal comes up next year.

Chairman Baer called for public comment. Resident Bob Smith asked what bridge we were talking about dealing with the Norfolk Southern project. Chairman Baer responded that it would be a new bridge that is going to be constructed on Hykes Road and over the railroad tracks.

A Myers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Miller was absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary