

May 25, 2010 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

May 25, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Rick Baer, Vice Chairman Curtis Myers, Supervisors Sam Miller and Fred Young III. Others attending the meeting included John Lisko, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors and Sylvia House, Zoning Officer. Supervisor James Byers was absent from the meeting. Supervisor Fred Young III and Curtis Myers arrived late to the meeting.

Visitors: See attached list.

Chairman Baer called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Baer called for Public Comment. Peter Oppliger, Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors addressed the Supervisors to let them know he told Mrs. Kirkner at the school district that the Township would be seeking applications from at least two students to serve as Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors since Peter will be graduating this year.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers had not yet arrived & Byers was absent) to approve as written the regular meeting minutes from April 27, 2010.

The approval of the minutes from 5/11/10 was tabled at this time as a quorum was not present to approve them.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers had not yet arrived & Byers was absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated May 25, 2010.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer addressed the Supervisors regarding a modification request for Green Spring Valley. Randy Shearer from PennTerra Engineering addressed the Supervisors regarding the modification request from §143-3. This part of the Ordinance requires a developer that is within 500 feet of a water line to connect and the GAFCWA connection is well over 500 feet away. Green Spring Valley would like to provide their own public water and has already dug wells for a private water system. The Antrim Township Municipal Authority has concerns with this and would like to see them connect to GAFCWA and wants to know the details of the private water system. Chairman Rick Baer addressed Mr. Shearer because he attended the ATMA meeting where this was discussed and he stated that some of the ATMA's concerns were with fire suppression, storage, pressure and quality. Mr. Shearer responded that Green Spring Valley has already submitted a permit to DEP and would like local input before moving forward with the permit. Mr. Shearer was also concerned that the ATMA hadn't seen Green Spring Valley's plans yet. The private water system would have to stay within the PRD. Mr. Shearer stated that his client may not be opposed to dedicating the system to the ATMA. The ATMA's concern is that they would be forced to take over this water system if the developer cannot maintain it. The Supervisors decided that we need to schedule a meeting with the developer, GAFCWA, the ATMA and the Board of Supervisors to discuss this issue further.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Myers had not yet arrived & Byers was absent) to approve a final plan for Antrim Business Park for a lot addition to Norfolk Southern on Commerce Avenue.

Vice Chairman Curtis Myers arrived at this time – 7:39 p.m.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer gave the Supervisors an update on the proposed Zoning changes that were discussed at previous meetings. The Highway Commercial and Industrial areas had to be revised to conform to the proposed Sewer service area. Some of these areas were kept as Agricultural due to this issue. The R2 areas also had to be cut back for the same reason. An 800 foot buffer for Community Commercial was put along Route 16. Mrs. House stated that she has received a proposal from Martin & Martin to create the new Zoning map with all of the proposed changes at a cost of \$1,600.00. She is seeking approval from the Supervisors to accept Martin & Martin's proposal so a new map can be drafted for review before any final changes are made to the Zoning.

A Baer/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to accept the proposal from Martin & Martin to draft a new Zoning map based on all of the proposed changes at a cost of \$1,600.00.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

A Myers/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Solicitor John Lisko announced that personnel matters and Norfolk Southern litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

A Baer/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to hire Attorney Drake Nicholas at a rate of \$275/hour to assist with COBRA related matters.

A Young/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to hire Attorney Janet Miller at a rate of \$225/hour to assist with Public Utility Commission matters relating to Norfolk Southern.

Solicitor John Lisko addressed the Supervisors regarding the ATAPCO assumption agreement. ATAPCO has agreed to the terms of the agreement and will maintain liability insurance of \$10M. Mr. Lisko stated that the Supervisors don't need to take official action on this but we need to make sure that we will have access for our Connector Road. Geoff Lilja addressed the Supervisors and stated that nothing has been designed yet and there are no plans yet. The design will accommodate access to our Connector Road. The Supervisors decided that we need to have a meeting with Penn-Dot and ATAPCO's traffic engineer to discuss these issues further. ATAPCO's traffic engineer will set up a meeting with Mike Lapano from Penn-Dot and will let the Township know when it will be.

A Myers/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Byers was absent & Miller abstained) to approve as written the regular meeting minutes from May 11, 2010.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding an increase in the Statement of Values for the Township's insurance coverage. Even though we had to increase some of the values for Lift Stations, etc. and we added a new additional Crime Coverage for theft with an annual premium cost of \$701.00; otherwise our total premium would have decreased. The total annual renewal premium through Kilmer Insurance Agency for the Township's General Liability and Public Officials coverage will be \$62,857.00.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator also addressed the Supervisors regarding the reduction of a bid bond that was submitted by Tuscarora Landscaping for the mowing bid. Since the Supervisors only awarded Tuscarora Landscaping a bid of \$15,880.00 and Tuscarora could not obtain bonding to complete the project, the Township will be keeping the certified check that was submitted as a bid bond in the amount of \$2,350.00. Mr. Graham is asking the Supervisors to approve refunding a portion of the certified check to Tuscarora Landscaping due to the bid amount that was awarded was less than the original bid that was submitted and he is only required to submit a bid bond for 10% of the project total.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve refunding \$762.00 from the certified bid bond check of \$2,350.00 to Tuscarora Landscaping due to the bid amount awarded was less than the original bid submitted.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding approving to put out for bid the Asphalt paving for Talhelm, Ridge, and Angle Roads and a portion of Marion Road. They will be cutting out the paving of the intersection at Route 16.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve putting out for bid the Asphalt paving for Talhelm Road, Ridge Road, Angle Road and a portion of Marion Road.

A Baer/Young motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve releasing the 2010 donations for the Besore Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Marion Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the water agreement between the Township and GAFCWA. He has included a copy of the agreement in the Supervisors' packets and he would like them to read through it and we will address it at the next meeting. The agreement ends on June 30th and this will come up when a proposal from the GAFCWA comes to the ATMA for the sale of the water system.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding a request from the ATMA to the Township for a short-term loan of \$300,000.00 with no interest to be re-paid by December 31, 2010 to cover expenses related to the Water Plant Upgrade project. The ATMA has received two grants for this project but the grants are reimburseable grants and they have immediate expenses that need to be paid so they can submit them for reimbursement. Supervisor Young asked Mr. Graham what the turnaround time is for the two grants for reimbursement. Mr. Graham responded that one grant has a 90-day turnaround and the other one is a 6-7 week turnaround. Mr. Graham also noted that the ATMA can apply for hard costs up front from one of the grants.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve the ATMA to borrow \$300,000.00 from the Township for a short-term loan with no interest to be re-paid by December 31, 2010 to cover expenses related to the Water Plant Upgrade project.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors about approval that is needed to designate him as an agent for the Township for a FEMA application that needs to be submitted for reimbursement of snow plowing costs from this past winter.

Resolution #222: A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to designate Brad Graham, Township Administrator as "Agent" for the Township for the submission of a FEMA application for reimbursement of snow plowing costs from this past winter.

Chairman and Interim Roadmaster, Rick Baer addressed the rest of the Supervisors regarding the purchase of mowing equipment. Mr. Baer stated that we need to decide if we want to contract out the mowing next year or do it in-house. He spoke to some other municipalities to find out how they handle mowing and they all stated that they do it in-house. If the Township is going to do the mowing in-house, Mr. Baer would like the Supervisors to approve purchasing additional mowing equipment.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to obtain bids for a piece of equipment for road edge mowing.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower through Co-Stars.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding a change in the Earned

Income Tax collection with the Greencastle-Antrim School District. Karen Hermann, GASD's Tax Officer is retiring and there is no one in-house at the GASD that can continue to collect the taxes. The GASD has notified the Township that they will be using the Chambersburg Area Wage Tax Bureau to collect the Earned Income and Local Services taxes and the commission rates to collect will be lower than the current commission rates that are paid to the school district.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator also addressed the Supervisors regarding a letter he received from the Rescue Hose Company about a meeting they are having with the Borough of Greencastle and they have invited the Township to attend as well. Mr. Graham asked the Supervisors to let him know if they wish to attend. Mr. Graham also mentioned the Franklin County Spring Meeting and asked the Supervisors to call the G-A Chamber of Commerce if they wish to attend.

Chairman Baer called for Public Comment. Robert Wertime addressed the Supervisors regarding pollution controls for the Norfolk Southern project. Mr. Baer said he could contact Roger Bennett at Norfolk Southern to find this out. Mr. Wertime would like to address this situation now before they start polluting with additional trucks. He feels it would affect real estate values, health issues and moveability. Mr. Baer responded that he will have Norfolk Southern send us the information and we will relay it to Mr. Wertime.

A Myers/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary