

October 12, 2010 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Supervisors Sam Miller, James Byers and Fred Young III. Others attending the meeting included John Lisko, Solicitor; Sylvia House, Zoning Officer and Brad Graham, Township Administrator. Chairman Rick Baer and Vice Chairman Curtis Myers were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See the attached list.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Byers were absent) to appoint Sam Miller as Acting Chairman for tonight's meeting.

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

Acting Chairman Miller called for public comment.

Brenda McQuait, John McQuait and Annabelle Henry addressed the Supervisors regarding S. Allison Street and are requesting that they reconsider paving the edges of the street. Mrs. McQuait stated that when sewer was put in here the road was torn up and now the road is eroding and the patching is coming apart. Even if the Supervisors decided to do one side of the road it would be better than nothing. The potholes here are very deep and she thinks the road needs to be done right because the asphalt is crumbling. Acting Chairman Miller responded that Rick Baer, acting Roadmaster is not here and he was the one knows more about the proposals we received for these repairs. Brad Graham, Township Administrator responded that the proposal was to mill out and have the asphalt re-laid. Acting Chairman Miller thinks we need to replace whole sections from the Township sign down to the stream crossing since the road is crumbling. Administrator Graham was going to find the original proposals we received and the Supervisors would make a decision on this item later in the meeting.

Duane Kinzer addressed the Supervisors regarding supporting his neighbor for the ATAPCO Exit 3 project. Mr. Kinzer noted that Antrim Township is one of the few Townships that have anything going on and he made mention of the Norfolk Southern project. Mr. Kinzer also stated that we have people interested in our Township and he would like to see ground being moved. He is hoping that the Township is supporting these projects. Acting Chairman Miller responded that ATAPCO switched around the issue with the traffic light which has delayed action on the matter. Supervisor Byers stated that he doesn't agree with the way it was done but he is ready to vote on the Ordinance tonight. Mr. Kinzer stated that he would like to see some positive things in the newspaper.

Approval of the minutes from the September 28, 2010 regular meeting were tabled since there was not a quorum present at tonight's meeting to approve them.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve as written the joint meeting minutes from October 4, 2010.

A Young/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated October 12, 2010.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve a 180-day extension request

for WCN LP to allow them to consider further road improvements.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer addressed the Supervisors regarding Green Spring Valley and the letter we received from them asking for clarification of §143-3 and connecting to the GAFCWA's water system. They are asking how the Township interprets this ordinance and the requirement to connect to water if the property is within 500 feet then they must connect. Supervisor Young stated that whatever we decide it's going to set precedence. Solicitor Lisko noted that the Sewer ordinance states that if you are within 500 feet then you must connect, however, for the Water ordinance there is a provision that allows the Supervisors to grant a modification because of unique circumstances. The issue here is that the line that is within 500 feet of the development is not an adequate line for them to connect to and upgrades to the line would be necessary. Supervisor Byers would like to see a visual of where this line is located. Supervisor Young noted that if we say yes then they will have to connect. Ms. House noted that the conditions of the PRD do not tell them they must connect to the GAFCWA water system. The Supervisors decided to table this until Ms. House can obtain more information on the connection points and the improvements that will need to be done.

Items A & B under Township Administrator to discuss the Zoning and Sewer Service Area maps were tabled until the next meeting.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the Shared Use Trail bid drawings. Mr. Graham stated that once we receive approval from Penn-Dot then we will be ready for the bids will to go out for this project.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve going out for bid on the Shared Use Trail project upon approval from Penn-Dot.

Administrator Graham addressed the Supervisor regarding the quotes for S. Allison Street. He stated that the quotes we received were to patch and mill the edges with an overlay of 1 ½" and the edges would be feathered in.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to accept the quote from Ganoe Paving for the S. Allison Street repairs and make sure the edges are feathered in as long as the new quote comes in at the same price as the original quote and have them do both sides of the road.

Administrator Graham addressed the Supervisors regarding any items that the Supervisors would like to see in the budget discussions. Supervisor Young stated he would like to see the Shared Use Trail get done. Acting Chairman Miller mentioned that Allegheny Power had verbally agreed to give the Township the Right-of-Ways they needed to complete the Shared Use Trail and he is concerned because the company is going to be sold in the next couple of months and he thinks the new company may not agree to give us the Right-of-Ways. There was also mention of continuing to pave the roads and it was noted that Interim Roadmaster, Rick Baer has been getting this information together. There was also mention of repair of infiltration for the sewer system.

The Supervisors reviewed a letter that was received from resident Robert Johnson concerning the safety of crossing Rt. 11 from the bank to the post office and to have the Township consider a red light or a cross walk and repair or replace some of the sidewalks. Acting Chairman Miller stated that he had asked for crosswalks here before. Supervisor Byers questioned whether the State would allow crosswalks. There was mention of traffic studies that were done by Molly Pitcher PRD, ATAPCO and one that the Township did several years ago called the Rt. 11 Corridor Traffic Study. It was determined that this would need to be a recommendation to Penn-Dot and the Supervisors directed Brad Graham, Township Administrator to draft a letter to Penn-Dot and a letter to Mr. Johnson.

Administrator Graham addressed the Supervisors regarding items B, C & D under Supervisors on the agenda for ATAPCO and stated that Pat Coggins would like to table until a full Board is here to vote on

it. However, all of the Supervisors present at tonight's meeting stated that they are ready to vote on these items.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to enact Ordinance # 319 for the ATAPCO Exit 3 Improvements.

A Miller/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve the Assumption Agreement and the Traffic Light Agreement with ATAPCO.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve signing the Letter Of Intent from Penn-Dot for the ATAPCO Exit 3 Improvements.

A Miller/Young motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to approve the Connector Road Access Agreement with ATAPCO.

Secretary Mary Klein addressed the Supervisors regarding the 2011 Health Plan Insurance Rates increase. She noted that there is going to be an 11% increase and the single rate is going from \$649.24 per month to \$718.35 per month and the family rate is going from \$1,513.20 to \$1,679.40 per month. Ms. Klein asked the Supervisors if they would like her to check into making changes to the plan such as instituting deductibles or changing coverage. The Supervisors stated that we will talk about this further in the upcoming budget worksessions.

Secretary Klein also addressed the Supervisors regarding the 2011 employer contribution rate for unemployment compensation and a one-time surcharge. The employer contribution rate for 2011 will remain the same as it was in 2010 at 9.5%, however to protect the solvency of the U.C. Trust Fund with PSATS without increasing base contribution amounts, the Trustees are assessing a one-time surcharge to Trust participants based on each township's three-year average of claims paid from 2007 – 2009. Antrim Township's one-time surcharge amount to be paid in 2011 will be \$5,026.89. Ms. Klein just wanted the Supervisors to be aware of this for budgeting purposes for next year.

Secretary Klein also addressed the Supervisors regarding the 2011 Liquid Fuels Allocation that we received from Penn-Dot for the estimated amount we will receive next year. Ms. Klein noted that we will receive approximately \$378,592.77 in Liquid Fuels allocations and \$10,320.00 in Turnback allocation. The Supervisors questioned what the Turnback money is for and Ms. Klein replied that it would be for a state road that the Township has taken over the maintenance. The Supervisors wondered what road this money is for and Ms. Klein replied that we have received this allocation ever since she has been here and probably before that and that would be a question for Willy Trostle, Road Foreman.

Under new business, Administrator Graham addressed the Supervisors regarding repairs to the boiler at the Township building. Mr. Graham stated that the previous contractor that we received a quote from and told them to do the work has not done so yet so Mr. Graham got another price from another contractor. The price is slightly higher but they can perform the work quicker and the quoted price is now \$1,950.00 from Martz Plumbing & Heating.

Administrator Graham announced that he will need an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Solicitor Lisko addressed the Supervisors and stated that the Exit 3 Improvements documents for ATAPCO calls for the Chairman to sign these.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to allow the regular chairman to sign the Exit 3 Improvements documents for ATAPCO.

Acting Chairman Miller called for public comment.

Mrs. McQuait thanked the Supervisors for reconsidering the repairs to S. Allison Street.

Duane Kinzer commended the Chairman on the actions of the Board and stated that tomorrow's

newspaper will be read by developers. Mr. Kinzer also stated let's continue to work together and he commended Sylvia House, Zoning Officer for the Zoning Map. Mr. Kinzer also asked that they keep the Loop Road on the radar for fire safety. He also asked the Supervisors to not forget that we need to have joint meetings.

Supervisor Byers stated that we need to start up the Joint Ventures Committee again with the Borough because it has a lot of value. The Committee has 2 council members from the Borough and 2 Supervisors from the Township.

A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

A Young/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

A Young/Miller motion passed 3-0 (Baer & Myers were absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary