

**ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2019**

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the State Line Community Center, State Line, with the following members in attendance: Michael Smith, Rodney Rose, Rodney Eberly, Chad Murray and Tim Kershner. Roger Nowell, Public Works Director was in attendance.

The purpose of the worksession and its location was to discuss public water needs for residents, businesses and churches in the State Line Area which included parts of Pennsylvania Avenue South, East Avenue to Oak Road, Ridge Road to Pensinger Road, as well as Carl Ave., Skyline Dr., Hade St., Cresap Ave., Park St., Clearview Ave., Reid Road, Oak Road, Oak Tree Road, Redwood Drive and Woodland Pkwy.

Approximately 50 residents were in attendance when Mike Smith, Municipal Authority Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. It was announced that this public meeting was being recorded. (See attached sign in sheet)

Over the past several years, there have been many inquiries as to if and when water could be supplied to the Molly Pitcher Highway South corridor to include the residents of State Line. In February 2015, Authority members launched a Water Line Expansion Study/Design for that area of the Township.

A survey to determine a level of need and interest for public water service to the State Line community began in March of this year by sending out 349 postcards to the areas listed above asking the source of their water (well, cistern, both or other); issues, if any, with the source at this location; and interest in public water service (1-5; 1 no interest to 5 highly interested).

Nowell began by telling the audience that the Municipal Authority was incorporated July 1973 adopting a resolution that was deemed necessary for the “benefit and preservation of the public health, peace, comfort and general welfare of and will increase the prosperity of the people of the Township of Antrim, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.”

Nowell gave an overview of the water situation and said that the purpose of this meeting was to listen to the audiences’ comments to obtain more information before going forward with plans to provide public water. He said that out of the approximately 200 returns, 55 of those were interested in obtaining public water.

Scott Palmer, a realtor with Caldwell Banker was on hand and said that there are a lot of cisterns in the State Line area which is very common, however, in selling a home with a cistern, \$5,000 to \$6,000 is taken away from the sale price. Home buyers also have problems getting financing for homes with a cistern as the water source.

The floor was open for comment and many residents said that they have a well for their water source and are not interested in public water and do not want to be forced to connect to public water. Nowell and Eberly explained that the purpose of this meeting was not to force anyone to connect to public water, but rather obtain more information from citizens and more than that supply residents with more information and options. Eberly said that at this time, with a one time tap fee of \$1,281 to connect and \$7 per 1000 gallons used, it could be cheaper in the long run than drilling a well and maintaining a well, for those who do not have wells or for those who are having issues with their existing wells.

Some property owners wanted to know how much it would be to run pipe from the curb to their homes to connect and asked that perhaps the Township could provide the overall cost in addition to the tap fee. Authority members agreed they could not provide an overall cost to connect as limestone can be an issue, however, a water line only needs to be 4 ½ feet deep.

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Authority members agreed to take a another look at their map for public water and asked that those interested in obtaining public water in the area to keep in touch with the Authority by attending meetings, calling the Township etc.

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting into executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and real estate. The executive session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell
Recording Secretary