

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2020

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, March 30, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road with the following members in attendance: Michael Smith and Rodney Eberly. Chad Murray, Tim Kershner and Rodney Rose were in attendance as well as Linus Fenicle, Solicitor by conference call. Roger Nowell, Public Works Director was in attendance as well as Joyce A. Nowell, recording secretary, all due to the coronavirus pandemic. Those attending were placed around the room appropriately.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being audio recorded.

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 4-0 (Rose was absent from this meeting) to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2020.

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 to approve the payment of bills from the Water Fund (06).

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the payment of bills from the Capital Improvement Fund (97).

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the payment of bills from the Repair and Improvement Fund (99).

There were no bills from the Project Fund (98).

Heritage Hills Retirement Community Land Development Plan on Shanks Church Road was signed as conditional approval was given at the February 24 meeting and the comment has been addressed.

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 to conditionally approve the **ATMA WWTP Phase II Upgrade Land Development Plan on Worleytown Road** pending approval of modification requests by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

An Eberly/Murray motion passed 5-0 to table **Antrim Township MPH Property, Subdivision, Molly Pitcher Highway**. It was noted that this property will be serviced by Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority and the Borough of Greencastle Sewer.

A **3-lot Subdivision plan for William and Wanda Beeler, Grant Shook Road** was restamped and signed.

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to conditionally approve **Grace Bible Church, Land Development Plan Hoffman Road** with the comment that a note be put on the plan that requires a water meter to be installed.

Jason Caudill, Land Development Plan, Molly Pitcher Highway, was signed as this plan had already received conditional approval 12/30/19 and all comments have been addressed.

An Eberly/Murray motion passed 5-0 to table **2017 Greenmount Road LLC Phase I, Subdivision and Land Development, Greenmount Road** as the water line location needs to be discussed as Greenmount Road is on the schedule to be widened.

An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table **Rochester Place, 20-lot Subdivision, Mountain View Drive** as there are quite a few comments that need to be addressed concerning the water system

A **Land Development Plan for JLG Industries Inc., Molly Pitcher Highway** was signed as it had been conditionally approved 2/24/20 and comments have been addressed.

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An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table approval of Sewage Facilities Planning Modules for public sewer for **2017 Greenmount Road LLC, Land Development, Greenmount Road.**

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to approve a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for **William and Wanda Beeler, 3-lot Subdivision, Grant Shook Road.**

There was no action taken on a Planning Exemption Mailer for **Antrim Township MPH Property, Molly Pitcher Highway.**

Public Works Director Nowell reported that he asked the Board of Supervisors for direction in obtaining proposals to conduct a new ACT 537 Plan study for the sewer system but in the meantime through research and information received, discovered that the last ACT 537 is still in good standing.

Nowell reported that there had been a significant force main leak at PS 17 with PS 17 and 22 shut down during the repair. Quotes have been received for re-lining the wet well at PS 17.

A recent utilities committee meeting with GAFCWA's utility committee to discuss a second Intermunicipal Water Agreement for Route 11 North to possibly service APX at 9156 Molly Pitcher Highway ended in a suggestion that the Antrim Township Municipal Authority meet with Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority to pursue options to merge the two water systems. APX needs a date for the use of public water to submit to Department of Environmental Protection which would allow them to open using bottled water for employees until such time public water can be provided. The quickest way to get them water is to allow GAFCWA to run the line so APX can get a date now and open and then pursue other options on getting public water to that location.

An Eberly/Murray motion passed 5-0 to make a formal request to get on GAFCWA's April 21, 2020 meeting agenda for a joint meeting with all ATMA members in attendance for that meeting.

In other water business Nowell reported that a conference call was held with several property owners in the area of Exit 3 to get public water to their businesses and one owner requested financial help to bore under I-81 for water service. Most ATMA members felt that the Authority could not provide money at this time for *potential* projects. In the meantime, Nowell will look a potential Equivalent Dwelling Units with such an undertaking and see if there are any low interest loans or grants available for such projects.

Nowell reported that there were three properties that were scheduled for disconnection due to lack of payment of the fourth quarter water/sewer bill. Those properties having public water are notified of non-payment and can be disconnected every quarter for lack of payment. The procedure for disconnect of public sewer only is a more involved procedure.

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued a statement that there would be no disconnections permitted during this pandemic. However, the Township public utilities is not under PUC but the three properties mentioned did not get disconnected last Thursday as scheduled.

A Rose/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to give those owing, an additional 60-day period to pay up to and including May 30, 2020 due to extenuating circumstances. If not paid after that, liens should be filed on these properties instead of disconnection notices as advised by the Solicitor. (By the time this meeting took place all water bills scheduled for water disconnect had been paid.)

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An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the Shanks Church Road Intermunicipal Water Agreement with the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority by **Resolution 2020-01**.

Nowell said that Heritage Hills Retirement Community is considering applying for a low interest loan for design of the water line extension on Shanks Church Road.

Nowell reported that he had not received new figures from GHD Engineers for the Phase 2 Sewer Plant Expansion for any reduction in cost for construction phase services and is also waiting on a Flood Plain Encroachment Permit from Department of Environmental Protection, which has been closed due the pandemic.

Murray, also a Supervisor, reported that the Board of Supervisors agreed to be the issuer of a \$9.9 million loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II upgrade, but would not loan the money due to the interest rate and locking up money, but rather borrow the money on behalf of the Authority.

Two leaks in sewer lines in the Coseytown area have been repaired and A.R.T is scheduled to line other manholes that have been identified.

Nowell said that operations at the wastewater treatment plan are going well.

PS #11 pumps have been received and Nowell said they hope to have the new pumps installed by the end of April.

Operations at the water treatment plant are also going well and Department of Environmental Filter Plant Performance Evaluation recommendations are being addressed with a new quarterly Filter Media Sampling beginning in April.

Members will wait to the April 27 meeting to discuss assessing late fees, shutoffs and disconnect guidelines for water and sewer customers during this pandemic. Quarterly sewer/water bills are due April 30, 2020 for the first quarter of 2020 prior to penalties being assessed.

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. with a worksession scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7 p.m. if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell
Recording Secretary