

**ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020**

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met for a worksession Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road with the following members in attendance: Michael Smith, Rodney Eberly, Chad Murray and Tim Kershner. Rodney Rose, member and Linus Fenicle, Solicitor, were in attendance by conference call due to the coronavirus pandemic. Roger Nowell, Public Works Director was in attendance as well as Joyce A. Nowell, recording secretary. Brad Graham, Antrim Township Administrator was in attendance.

Brian Hissong was in attendance via teleconference call.

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

Hissong is expanding Heritage Hills Retirement Community and currently has a land development plan in the works with the Township. The property is serviced by Antrim Township public sewer and is currently served by an on-lot well system. Hissong had requested public water for the property so the Antrim Township Municipal Authority, having no public water in the area, requested that the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) sell water to the Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) to supply this property, which is solely in the Township water service area.

An agreement between GAFCWA and ATMA ensued and Hissong's engineers began design work for installing water lines to service the property. Hissong would pay for the installation of the lines and turn the infrastructure over to the ATMA. The ATMA considered paying for the installation of lines since the Antrim Township Board of Supervisors showed support to loan money for such projects as installing water lines.

After discussion it was determined that it could cost up to \$500,000 to \$600,000 for the installation of water lines by the ATMA due to prevailing wage, where it would cost the developer \$350,000 to \$400,000 to install the lines. The developer would also have to pay tap fees for capacity through the Authority to GAFCWA at a cost upwards of \$140,000.

After much thought and discussion, it was determined that the ATMA would have a lot of investment with very little return on the project and consensus of the five ATMA members was – the ATMA does not want to pay for installation of water lines for this project.

Hissong, in turn said that his existing water source (well) on the property would have to be upgraded with a fire suppression unit installed for his expansion which he has already applied for permitting from the Department of Environmental Protection in case he could not get public water and asked if the ATMA would be interested in taking over his existing system and adding another water source in the very near future.

ATMA members agreed that this proposal was feasible and economical as well and would be willing to work with Hissong. In the meantime, Nowell was tasked with finding another viable water source in the area and working on an agreement to move forward with this proposal. Hissong felt that this was a more beneficial way to move his project along and a good solution for the ATMA and himself, as a developer and urged the Authority to keep this on the front burner.

A Murray/Kershner motion passed 5-0 to authorize Solicitor Fenicle to get with Nowell and draft an agreement that would be acceptable to both parties to take over Hissong's existing water system at Heritage Hills Retirement Community.

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Nowell said that he requested to be included on the Guilford Township Water Authority agenda and the meeting would be Monday, June 22 as discussed by ATMA members at their May 18 meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell
Recording Secretary