

**ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, September 28, 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 Rose, Rodney Eberly, Chad Murray and Tim Kershner. Roger Nowell, Public Works Director and Linus Fenicle, Solicitor, were in attendance.

John Alleman, Tina Gipe of Boyer and Ritter and Paul Perini of Perini Construction were in attendance.

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

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 to approve the August 31, 2020 meeting minutes.

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 to approve the September 14, 2020 worksession meeting minutes.

An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the payment of bills from the Water Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund and the Repair and Improvement Fund.

Tina Gipe of Boyer and Ritter, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, gave an Independent Auditor's Report of Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2019, giving the opinion that the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority as of December 31, 2019 and the respective changes in its financial position and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Paul Perini, of Perini Construction, developer of Rochester Place, a 20-lot subdivision on Mt. View Drive was in attendance to discuss and make amendments to an agreement initiated and signed in 2006 when the developer proposed 269 townhouse units and a well, well facilities and water facilities at the site at the expense of the developer and said system would be granted and transferred to the Authority at the time that all construction work for the well and water system are complete and Department of Environmental final approval is received.

At this time, the developer is proposing Phase 1, 20-lot subdivision at the site so adjustments agreeable to both the developer and the Authority are being made. An amended agreement will be prepared by Solicitor Fenicle, and ready for approval at the October 12, 2020 Authority worksession following a review by both parties.

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table **Antrim Township MPH Property, Subdivision, Molly Pitcher Highway.**

A Rose/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to approve **ATAPCO Acquisitions LLC, Lot 1, Lot Consolidation Molly Pitcher Highway.**

An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table **Greens of Greencastle Phases 6&7, 75-lot Subdivision, Shannon Drive South.**

An Eberly/Murray motion passed 5-0 to approve **Greens of Greencastle Land Consolidation, Castlegreen Drive/Shannon Drive.**

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to table **2017 Greenmount Road LLC Phase I, Subdivision and Land Development.**

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A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to table **ACBP Lot 16 NP, Land Development, Ebberts Spring Court.**

A Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to approve a Sewer Planning Exemption Mailer for **ATAPCO Acquisitions LLC, Lot 1, Lot Consolidation Molly Pitcher Highway.**

Nowell reported that he had sent out requests to three engineering firms for proposals for a design for fire hydrants for Sherwood and Cedarbrook developments and a truck fill station at the water treatment plant for fire equipment to fill their tankers.

Nowell informed Authority members that four banks had bid on financing the Phase 2 Sewer Plant Upgrade and Expansion with Melissa Hughes of Public Financial Management to review and provide an analysis for the Board of Supervisors to make a decision on how the project will be financed.

Nowell said that the Notice to Proceed for the upgrade project was issued September 22 and to date new electric service was nearly complete to the shed/garage; transformers and a CT cabinet should be on site this week while waiting for new service from West Penn Power; and the job trailer from the general contractor should be on site next week.

The owner of the neighboring property to the wastewater treatment plant allowed a construction easement on his property for this project and in that easement a privacy fence and several large trees had to be removed. Nowell will discuss moving the privacy fence with the contractor and the property owner to conceal the property prior to groundbreaking as Authority members agreed that this would be a good idea.

Three options for rehabilitation of the Cedarbrook Water Tower were provided by Mid-Atlantic to repair ongoing leaks. Nowell said it will be about \$45,000 to repair the inside only. In preparation for this work, which involves emptying the tank, Nowell proposed to purchase 4 drives now and have them installed and placed in operation at an estimated cost of \$17,000 to maintain a constant water flow for two weeks while the rehab is taking place. Authority members authorized Nowell to get three quotes for purchasing 4 drives not to exceed \$17,000.

Authority members again discussed a public water rate proposed increase of 10% up to 15% for customers using over 5000 gallons of water per quarter. A 10% increase would cost the consumer an estimated \$15 more per quarter. For consumers using less than 5000 gallons per quarter they would see a proposed increase of 5% to 7% per quarter. There has been no increase for public water in 10 years, however, the Authority would like to review any increases every two years instead of 10. No decision was made.

Following a well siting study and report done by Read and Associates LLC, it was recommended that an electrical resistivity test be done at the sites.

An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to authorize an electrical resistivity test be done by ARM Group, at a cost of \$4,200 for just lots 1 and 2 on the south parcels.

Nowell reported that operations at the wastewater treatment plant are going well with total nitrogen levels 7053 lbs. under the limit. He reported that there had been a fuel oil spill that went into the sewer system but the plant had not been affected.

Operations are going good at the water treatment plant with 3 filters being used as suggested in the FPPE study and possibly going to a fourth filter as larger water users come online.

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Nowell said that according to the billing clerk, as of this evening, there was one customer who had not paid their water/sewer bill in the time allotted prior to disconnection of water services to the property. All delinquent customers had been notified by mail and then by notices posted at the residence. Solicitor Fenicle again iterated that the Municipal Authority was not required to follow the Public Utilities Commission Directive for disconnections.

A Rose/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority will meet for an advertised worksession October 12, 2020 at 7 p.m. with the regular meeting to be held Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell
Recording Secretary