

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF July 26, 2021

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7 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. Linus Fenicle, Solicitor and Roger Nowell, Public Works Director were in attendance.

Audience members included Bob Coladonato and Jason Gearhart.

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

Coladonato spoke to Authority members about proposed and future solar farms and stated that he is not in favor of allowing solar farms in R-1 zoning as such a use could cost the Authority future sewer and water customers and gave a proposed 500-lot residential subdivision as an example, with water and sewer connections and if the developer would find it more profitable to do a solar farm that build houses.

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2021.

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to approve the payment of bills from the Water Fund (06) and the Capital Improvement Fund (97) as presented.

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 recognizing the transfer of Second Quarter 2021 sewer tap fees from the Sewer Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$504,816.00.

A Rose/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to table the following plans pending all sewer comments being addressed:

**Antrim Township MPH Property, Subdivision, Molly Pitcher Highway;
Greens of Greencastle Phases 6&7, 75-lot Subdivision, Shannon Drive South;
Grindstone Hill Business Park, Land Development, Grindstone Hill Road;
ATAPCO Acquisitions LLC Lot 1, Molly Pitcher Highway; and
Transportation Properties LLC, Land Development, Antrim Church Road.**

A Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table the following plans as there are sewer and water comments that need to be addressed:

**Keystone Crossing, 120-unit Subdivision South Young Road; and
Whispering Willows, 142-lot Subdivision, North Young Road.**

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to conditionally approve **Perini Construction Inc., 2-lot Subdivision, Mountain View Drive**, pending three minor comments by the Public Utilities Director; any comments made by Planning and Zoning; and Antrim Township Planning Commission approval.

A Murray/Rose motion passed 5-0 to table a Deed of Dedication for sewer lines for **Rolling Hills Phase 5**, as the deed was not available at this time.

Nowell told those present that the pipe for the pump station 2 force main with 2800 feet of line is constricted with staff looking at options for replacement versus cleaning as cleaning might destroy the line. The plan to repair/replace the line will be included in the 2022 budget under the 99 fund.

A Rose/Murray motion passed 5-0 to reduce a water bill by \$413.00 (half of the amount billed for water usage) of what the customer was billed due to a water leak at 650 Hykes Road.

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Nowell reported that Northpoint and other parties (developers) involved are working on easement agreements, including one for the Municipal Authority, to bore a water line under I-81 in the area of Exit 3.

Correspondence was received from representatives of Molly Pitcher LLC in reference to an agreement from July 2004 stating that the Authority will provide water capacity to this proposed residential development following an agreement for Molly Pitcher to pay the additional cost to upgrade a water system that Springfield Contractors, developers of Cedarbrook, agreed to construct under the Water Tank Agreement. Solicitor Fenicle will respond that the agreement states that the Authority will ensure capacity.

Nowell said that a process start-up meeting will be held Wednesday, July 28 at the sewer plant for the Phase 2 Sewer Plant Expansion with mechanical start up and testing to begin August 2. Most likely, transfer of mixed liquor and the process will start beginning August 9. Meanwhile, the next phase of the upgrade to include Basins 1 and 2 upgrade and new headworks facilities will begin.

Nowell continued his reports stating that Glace is working on the permit application for the Cedarbrook Water Tank Rehabilitation and said that the Authority needs to consider discussing a water rate increase in the very near future prior to budget meetings.

Letters were distributed to residents in the area of Antrim Well 3, in the southern portion of the Township for monitoring of their wells, with eight participants responding and now Negley's will be scheduled to come in to do more testing, according to Nowell. In the North area the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will visit to do a sanitary survey this week and hopefully drilling could begin by the end of August.

An Access Agreement has been prepared for the property owner of the North Area well site and a Murray/Eberly motion passed 5-0 to authorize Chairman Mike Smith to sign this agreement after the property owner reviews and signs the agreement.

Authority members agreed that they would be willing to read correspondence from the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) asking the Authority to give permission for GAFCWA to service Heritage Estates West as they claim to have capacity and pressure to serve this area.

On the sewer side Nowell reported that operations continue to go well at the wastewater treatment plant with Total Nitrogen (TN) for the year showing 2577 lbs. under the limit. Pump station flows are normal with Pump Station 9 needing a pipe retrofit.

Nowell reported at the last meeting that the Water Treatment Plant received another potential reporting violation from DEP - a decimal point rounding issue on the spread sheet for May. A correction form was submitted and there was no violation and no public notice required. Otherwise, operations are going well at the Water Treatment Plant with Glace working on the permit application for the Department of Environmental Protection for a minor permit amendment to make water plant process changes in addressing the comments from the Filter Plant Performance Evaluation.

An Eberly/Rose motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

A worksession is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. if needed with the next regular meeting to be held Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. Nowell, Recording Secretary