

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2014

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members in attendance: Chad Murray, Rodney Eberly, Dale Hostetter and Bob Coladonato, Authority members; Linus Fenicle, Solicitor and Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director. Audience members included Wade Burkholder, Scott Mehok and Tim Hogan.

Chairman Murray called the Authority to order at 7:00 p.m.

Wade Burkholder, a member of Greencastle Borough Council, wanted to share his thoughts with Authority members concerning discussions with the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) and ATMA in reference to a proposed merger of their water systems. After reading an article stating that the ATMA decided to “go it alone” Burkholder said that he wanted the Authority members to know that if the vote was taken to Borough Council, he felt that six of the seven Council members were definitely interested in continuing discussions towards a merger and that he felt Council was not being portrayed as they really feel. Burkholder said that he was on board with working together and interested in moving ahead.

On a Hostetter/Eberly motion passed 4-0 the meeting minutes of March 31, 2014 were approved.

On a Hostetter/Eberly motion passed 4-0 the treasurer’s report for water along with the payment of bills was approved.

On an Eberly/Coladonato motion passed 4-0 bills from the Capital Improvement fund were approved for payment.

On a Coladonato/Eberly motion passed 4-0 Food Lion Access Drive was approved for rest amp with the comment the repair and improvement charge must be paid prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On an Eberly/Coladonato motion passed 4-0 the adoption of Resolution 2014-01 was approved and the Chairman and Secretary authorized to sign accepting the Deed of Dedication for the Antrim Commons Business Park sewer lines which included eight manholes and seven manhole runs from Route 11 to Armada Drive.

The Municipal Authority received correspondence from PA Department of Transportation in regards to the ownership and maintenance of public sanitary sewer lines within the limits of a Route 16 highway construction project stating that sanitary sewer lines will need to be vertically adjusted to meet the final grade elevations. As the Authority is not adequately staffed and equipped to perform these adjustments (raising 51 manholes) it is suggested that this adjustment of sewer manholes be incorporated into the PA Department of Transportation’s contract and be performed by the Department’s contractor for the project. Estimated cost of this project is approximately \$80,000 with PA DOT to pay about half. Discussion as to who (the ATMA or the Board of Supervisors) would pay the other half (\$40,000) as it is not considered a capital improvement project, will have to be addressed. Rundquist will take the proposal to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of payment as an operation and maintenance project. When the decision is made of how payment will be made, a Resolution will be prepared and adopted.

On a Coladonato/Eberly motion passed 4-0 design amendments (increase) to the dewatering upgrade and miscellaneous improvements project (screw press) at a cost of \$13,200 was approved to include: develop drawings for Type B Dewatering System; digester platform extension; roof on operations

building; and associated engineering.

Rundquist wanted to make Authority members aware that a property owner on North Rabbit Road wishes to install a grinder pump for his residence and connect to a sewer force main. At the present time, a duplex and this single family dwelling are connected as one. Engineering drawings will be presented along with a grinder pump agreement for approval.

Tim Hogan, of ATAPCO, was on hand to discuss drilling test wells in the area of Lot 9 in the Antrim Commons Business Park for a geo-technical investigation for a potential client. Hogan assured the Authority that the wells were not for potable water just to investigate a supplemental source of water, and that after testing is complete, the wells would be filled in and abandoned. Hogan did not know how many wells would be needed and the exact location of the wells at this time. Eberly expressed concern for the borough and the township's water supplies and what effect this would have for future water stores on the property. Coladonato said that a mandatory connection ordinance would require the owners to connect to public water at that site. Rundquist added that the Township would require well permits for this procedure.

Scott Mehok, of Eckert Seamans, was asked to put out RFPs (Request for Proposals) to financial institutions for loan proposals to finance the Authority's two sewer projects which total \$3.3 million. Proposals from three financial institutions were received and reviewed by Authority members.

On an Eberly/Coladonato motion passed 4-0 the Municipal Authority recommended that the Board of Supervisors support their action in choosing Option 3 from F&M Trust for financing the projects. Option 3 is a 7 year fixed rate at 2.260% with a variable rate of 66% of the prime rate with a cap of 3.93%.

Coladonato asked if Antrim Township had paid the tapping fee for connecting to the sewer system and questioned why a repair and improvement charge was not paid by the Senior Center for connecting to the sewer system. Coladonato requested to see documentation from the Township on a waiver request from doing a land development plan for the sewer connection at the Senior Center, if there was such a request. Rundquist said he did not believe the Township's tapping fees had been paid and said that the Senior Center was not required to pay a repair and improvement charge because they were not required to submit a land development plan.

Rundquist reported that a letter had been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection stating that a review of the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports from the wastewater treatment plant revealed that the plant had achieved six consecutive months of compliance with its NPDES effluent limitations after the completion of actions required under paragraph 3 of the Consent Order and Agreement (COA) thus paragraphs 5 and 9 of the COA are terminated.

On a Coladonato/Hostetter motion passed 4-0 Rundquist was authorized to use funds from the repair and improvement account to purchase and install 2 VFDs at lift station 12 to replace failing electrical equipment that is 37 years old (made to last for 20) and no replacement parts are available, at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

On a Coladonato/Hostetter motion passed 4-0 Rundquist was authorized to post the tap fees for sewer and water on the Township's website on the Antrim Township Fees Schedule. One Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for water is \$1,231 at 167 gallons per day; one EDU for sewer is \$4,854 at 251 gallons per day.

Rundquist reported a sludge spill at the wastewater treatment plant, DEP was notified and visited the site and will issue a notice of violation.

Rundquist reported that he has received erratic readings at lift station #12; strange readings at lift

station #24 and an issue with a swale at lift station #3. These findings are being observed. Rundquist continued his report stating that six breaks in sewer lines were found in the Coseytown area which will be repaired and that Ken Izer was mowing the sewer right of way in the Moss Spring area.

Operations are going well at the water treatment plant, Rundquist reported.

A resolution had been prepared by Solicitor Fenicle confirming the sewer rate schedule adopted for the 2014 Budget but Authority members did not sign it as they had already approved the rate schedule in the budget process.

Eberly asked for verification that two properties with grinder pumps on Grant Shook Road are paying sewer bills to either the Borough of Greencastle or to Antrim Township.

Eberly said that he had been contacted by a Township Supervisor inquiring as to how his employer handled on-call employees which caused Eberly to ask if Antrim Township was understaffed as far as the wastewater and water treatment plant and wanted to know how on-call.

On an Eberly/Hostetter motion passed 4-0 the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Authority will be May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., a week early, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary