

## ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

### MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2013

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building with the following members in attendance: Rodney Eberly, Chad Murray, Elwood Myers and Rick Baer. Dale Hostetter was appointed by the Antrim Township Supervisors as a member of the Municipal Authority and was in attendance. Also attending were Linus Fenicle, Solicitor and Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director. Audience members included David Trostle, Bob Coladonato, Matt Cessna, Paul Schemmel and John Alleman.

Chairman Eberly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Rodney Eberly was appointed temporary chairman for the purposes of reorganization.

On a Baer/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Eberly abstained) Rodney Eberly was appointed Chairman.

On a Baer/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Murray abstained) Chad Murray was appointed Vice-chairman.

On a Murray/Baer motion passed 4-0 (Myers abstained) Elwood Myers was appointed secretary.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Baer abstained) Rick Baer was appointed treasurer.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Hostetter abstained) Dale Hostetter was appointed assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

On a Murray/Baer motion passed 5-0 Linus Fenicle was confirmed as Solicitor and CET/GHD and Bucharth-Horn were confirmed as the Authority's engineers as appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

On a Myers/Murray motion passed 3-0 (Hostetter abstained as he did not attend the meeting and Baer abstained as he was absent from the meeting) the meeting minutes of December 17, 2012 were approved.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 5-0 the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 5-0 bills for payment from the Repair and Improvement Account were approved.

On a Myers/Baer motion passed 5-0, **Sheetz at Antrim Commons**, land development, Antrim Commons Drive, was approved

On a Baer/Myers motion passed 5-0, **Lester Musselman**, 1-lot Subdivision, Milnor Road, was approved.

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On a Myers/Murray motion passed 5-0, **Trinity Lutheran Church**, land development, Jason Drive, was conditionally approved. Upon receiving plans with the relocation of a retention pond, the plans will be signed.

On a Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0, **Graphics Universal**, land development, Commerce Avenue, was approved.

Authority members recognized **Hollowell Brethren in Christ Church**, land development, Hollowell Church Road, as the development of additional parking.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 5-0, **Resolution 2013-01** was accepted and approved for the Deed of Dedication for sewer lines in Rolling Hills Phase III.

At the December 17, 2012 ATMA meeting, members discussed options for sludge dewatering at the wastewater treatment plant as part of the Consent Order and Agreement (COA) with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Option 1 was to complete improvements with refurbishment of the existing Plate and Frame Press No. 1; or Option 2 to replace Plate and Frame Press No. 1 with a new dewatering unit. DEP has extended the proposed schedule for the COA, with a decision expected by the end of February.

Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director and Roger Nowell, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator said that they had discussed, at length, refurbishing the existing press which would maybe get it up and running for an estimated three years, when a new larger screw press could be purchased, taking the place of an existing small press, which does not work at this time, and saving the old press as a backup. Rundquist and Nowell agreed that refurbishing the plate and frame press would be much cheaper but does not answer future issues. With a new screw press both felt that it was an energy saving venture and would keep the treatment plant operating in the black, as now, operating the existing press is very time consuming, putting operations a few days a week behind schedule and causing a lot of extra manual labor. The thought process was to spend \$50,000 to \$60,000 now just to get up and running and to keep running for possibly three years when they can budget the estimated \$680,000 to \$815,000 for a larger, more efficient screw press and comply with DEP's requirements in the COA.

Chairman Eberly agreed that the Authority should put this project on the front burner and move forward with the design for a new screw press dewatering unit, as long as the Supervisors are aware and have this project in front of their minds and agree to put the project on the front burner and budget the new press for 2014.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 5-0 a service agreement with Envirep Inc. was approved in the amount of \$9,780.00 to allow Envirep to monitor and service pumping stations. Lift Station

6 has been added to the list of pump stations under the service agreement with lift station 3 to be added next year.

Rundquist reported that new filter cloths for the large press at the wastewater treatment plant, which were budgeted for, will be purchased from Micronics at a cost \$6,836.55 for 105 cloths.

Rundquist reported that during the startup of a new blower at the wastewater treatment plant it was discovered that two breakers, a motor starter and one soft start were no longer operable for the digester blower and requested replacement of the defective equipment. Chairman Eberly, on behalf of the Authority recommended that the Board of Supervisors get a proposal and expedite the purchase for the replacement of the defective equipment from the sewer maintenance budget.

A proposal to televise the sewer lines on Hykes Road prior to the paving of that road in 2014, was reviewed and recommended to the Board of Supervisors as a maintenance project. The proposal was from NazzTech Services LLC in the amount of \$9,100.00.

On a Baer/Myers motion passed 5-0, GHD/CET Engineers will complete the Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report for 2012 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Rundquist reported that Nowell had written the standard operating procedure for the wastewater treatment plant for submission to DEP.

Rundquist reported that the probe for the transmissivity meter at the wastewater treatment plant is no longer working and has been sent out for repair; work at lift station #3 is ongoing; and a rotating shaft, impellers and seals are being replaced at lift station #22.

Rundquist reported that the SCADA system at the water treatment plant is now working properly as the antennae and CAT cable were replaced. He also reported that water use is up at the plant and attributes

the high usage to ongoing water leaks, which will continue to be monitored until leaks are found.

Rundquist, along with sewer personnel, checked/opened 85 to 90% of the manholes on the Washington Farms property, as this needed to be done prior to the Authority accepting a Deed of Dedication for the sewer lines. However, it was found that there is no legal access to the sewer lines on the east side of Muddy Run and a lot of brush needs to be cleared to access other lines. Rundquist said that the Authority should obtain a legal right of way to the sewer easement.

Chairman Eberly discussed the procedure for assessing Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) for properties having public sewer and water. He would like to have a Resolution adopted stating that 1 EDU of water is equal to 180 gallons of water used and 1 EDU of sewer is equal to 249 gallons for sewer. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Bob Coladonato presented information on disconnecting sewer service when payment for the service becomes delinquent without digging up lines. He suggested this device be required for

use on all new construction using public utilities. Eberly said that the Authority can add these devices to their specifications for sewer lines but would ask the Board of Supervisors if they are willing to enforce the use of the devices. Baer said that the Board of Supervisors is having a worksession tomorrow night to discuss sewer delinquencies and remedies for collection of sewer bills and this will be presented.

Myers noted that Norfolk Southern was operational and had not paid the tapping fees or repair and improvement charges for this project. He said that Norfolk Southern should be shut down as everyone else must pay their fees and charges prior to getting approval for their land development/subdivision plan. Rundquist said that the bill had been sent December 28, 2012 to Norfolk Southern assessing these fees at \$8,147.92 for repair and improvement charges and \$16,115.28 for tapping fees.

On a Baer/Myers motion passed 5-0 an executive session to discuss potential litigation was called at 8:55 p.m. and the executive session ended at 9:15 p.m.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary