

## **ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

### **MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building with the following members in attendance: Rodney Eberly, Chad Murray, Rick Baer, Dale Hostetter and Elwood Myers. Also attending were Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director; and Brad Graham, Township Administrator. Audience members included Tim Hogan, Bob Coladonato and Rob Holmes.

Chairman Eberly called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote the January 28, 2013 minutes were approved.

On a Baer/Murray motion passed with unanimous vote the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved. Eberly asked about the cost of repairing the leak at Cedar brook by an outside contractor and stated that he wanted Rundquist to explore with the Supervisors the possibility of using Township personnel and equipment to repair water leaks as it should be much cheaper

On a Myers/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote bills for payment from the Repair and Improvement Fund were approved.

Chairman Eberly told Authority members that the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) had prepared and presented a letter, which has since been affirmed by the Antrim Township Supervisors at a recent work session with a unanimous vote and by the GAFCWA to negotiate a joint (GAFCWA and ATMA) water authority, and requested signatures of the ATMA.

Solicitor Fenicle said that he was not certain what the letter means and that it was not totally clear as the letter mentions two representatives from the Township which is not truly a joint authority. The letter stated that the merger would allow a direct way for the Township to have representation on the Authority by appointing two members. If representatives are appointed by the Borough it is a "Borough" authority, said Fenicle. If it is joint, the Township and the Borough each would negotiate representation. Fenicle felt there was a lack of legal clarity in the letter and stated that it has to be a definite legal direction and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act.

Chairman Eberly said that the letter is a document allowing both Authorities to move forward with the joint merger venture and he felt that were some gray areas and areas of black and white in the letter. He felt the joint venture would provide the best and most efficient service to customers along with and more importantly, protecting the aquifers in both the Township and the Borough.

Solicitor Fenicle strongly suggested that some language be added to the endorsement of the letter.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote the letter was signed: "The Antrim Township Municipal Authority do hereby endorse and commit to allowing both Authorities to move forward with the joint merger venture –joint authority, under the Municipal Authorities Act."

On a Myers/Baer motion, passed with unanimous vote Patricia Valentine, 1-lot Subdivision, Buchanan Trail West received conditional approval until such time that a sewer facilities planning module approval is received from DEP.

On a Murray/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote World Kitchen, 1-lot Subdivision/Land Development, Molly Pitcher Highway, received conditional approval as the resubmission of this plan required Franklin County Planning Commission approval and the plan must show the location of a future road and where it will cross a sewer line.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote Rail Hub One, Land Development, Antrim

Commons Drive, was approved.

On a Murray/Baer motion passed with unanimous vote Antrim Commons Business Park Stream Crossing, Land Development, Milnor Road, was approved.

Authority members were informed that Stephen Martin, 1-lot Subdivision, Leitersburg @ Trolley roads, has been approved for an on-lot septic system.

On a Murray/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote a Statement of Agreement for the audit of financial statements by Boyer and Ritter, was signed with anticipated fees at \$12,000.00

Public Works Director Rundquist told Authority members that GHD Engineering will have a proposal and schedule for the screw press design at the next Municipal Authority meeting and will also have a proposal for the headworks analysis (pretreatment program) available at this time.

Rundquist reported that ½ of the Hykes Road sewer line televising is complete with four leaking laterals found at their connection point and no problems have been found so far with the main line.

Rundquist said that he was working, along with GHD, in preparing the Chapter 94 report which is due March 31 and also an Emergency Response Plan (COA) which is due April 1 to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Rundquist reported that lift station #3 is substantially complete; a pump went out at lift station #13 and the situation is being addressed; lift station #9 is having some issues; lift stations 1, 2, 6 and 13 are undergoing routine maintenance; and the wet wells at lift stations 17, 22, and 23 have been cleaned. Unit heaters have been installed in the treatment plant garage and at lift station #5.

Eberly revisited the water category under old business on the agenda and asked that Administrator Graham and/or PWD Rundquist make sure that the Board of Supervisors understand that the Antrim Township Municipal Authority intends to supply public water to a piece or property that is being subdivided on Milnor Road.

Bob Coladonato asked if the Board of Supervisors have the ability to appoint/nominate members as outlined in the letter from the GAFCWA as the joint water authority. Graham responded that they (BOS) may appoint members.

On a Baer/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote an executive session was called to discuss potential litigation. On a Myers/Hostetter motion passed with unanimous vote the executive session ended at 8:50 p.m. and with all agenda items being addressed on a Murray/Myers motion passed with unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary