

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Greencastle Senior Center with the following members in attendance: Rodney Eberly, Rick Baer and Dale Hostetter. Chad Murray and Elwood Myers were absent from the meeting. Also attending were Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; and Carl Rundquist, Public Works Director.

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

On a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) the meeting minutes of October 28, 2013 were approved.

On a Baer/Hostetter motion, passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved.

On a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) **Food Lion Access Driveway**, Armada Drive was approved with the comments that a grinder pump agreement must be in place and signed; and doghouse manhole details must be on the plan prior to Municipal Authority signatures on the plan and prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On a Baer/Hostetter motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) **Betty Bryan Smith**, 1-lot subdivision, Browns Mill Road, was approved with the comments that a sewer facilities planning module is needed and a detail for the sewer lateral must be put on the plan prior to Municipal Authority signatures and prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) authorization was given for Rundquist to sign the sewer facilities planning module for the Betty Bryan Smith subdivision plan.

On a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) a 1-lot subdivision plan for **Joan and Richard Hall**, Grant Shook Road, was recognized as having an on-lot septic system.

Rundquist reported that he met with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Franklin County Conservation District concerning a sewer right-of-way behind Food Lion, which is considered a wetlands. The Township is in the process of clearing sewer right of ways and found larger trees in the right-of-way which would require larger equipment, which is not permitted in wetland areas, to cut them down. Hostetter said he would get information from a firm that uses horses to do logging in these kinds of areas. Rundquist suggested that he would obtain a price from Frederick Seibert and Associates for a wetland delineation.

Rundquist provided information to members on dry pit submersible pumps as he would like to get design proposals for the replacement of lift station #13. With the submersible pumps only 2 would be needed to replace the four existing pumps. He also wants to eliminate lift station #19 and upgrade lift station #20 in 2014, which also require design proposals.

On a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) authorization was given to Rundquist to seek design proposals for the replacement of lift station #13; the upgrade of lift station #20; and the elimination of lift station #19.

Rundquist reported that he had met with Dylan See from Mountain View Reclamation to discuss the type of sludge generated from a screw press system at the wastewater treatment plant and if the landfill was still willing to accept this sludge. Rundquist said that they will accept the sludge.

Members were given the 2014 Budget but requested more time to digest the figures. Rundquist said that the budget included a 16.9% increase in sewer user rates, which would mean a \$19.50 quarterly

increase from \$115.50 to \$135.00. (The increase is due to two substantial sewer projects that must be completed in 2014 and the fact that the Township did not receive any monies through the Penn Works Grant program.)

On a Baer/Hostetter motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent from the meeting) Boyer & Ritter LLC was authorized to perform the audit of the Authority's financial statements for 2013 at a cost of \$10,660.00. Chairman Eberly signed the document agreeing to this arrangement.

Rundquist reported that construction for the sewer connection for the Municipal Building and Senior Center will begin the first week in December 2013, however, the contractor wants to use directional drilling for the project, which according to Rundquist will need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. There will be deductions for the project since it is cheaper to directional drill than dig a trench, but Authority members wanted to make sure that they would open-cut for any utility crossings.

Eberly said that if they do directional drilling, the Supervisors would need to change their specifications for installing sewer lines to include directional drilling for pressurized systems.

Rundquist reported that the Municipal Authority did not receive any monies through the Penn Works Grant Program, which if any monies were received, would have helped to offset the costs of the screw press and Shanks Church Road sewer bypass projects.

Rundquist reported that a joint meeting of the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) and the Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) was held last week to continue to discuss the GAFCWA's purchase of the ATMA water system. GAFCWA members are authorizing a study of the two systems with Buchart Horn Engineers the overseer of the study. ATMA members, in previous meetings, asked who will pay for the study and stated that they will not fund any studies, according to Rundquist. Baer and Eberly reported that since the last meeting, it was stated that the Board of Supervisors are not able to legally fund any studies. Eberly added that he felt that these meetings are leading the Municipal Authority down a path that they didn't want to go down.

Rundquist said that during January and February 2014 he would like to discuss preparing a five (5) year plan for the water department.

Rundquist said that operations at the wastewater treatment plant are going well. He provided members with lift station flow charts monitoring the past few months and said that he in conjunction with Buchart Horn are updating the Corrective Action Plan from July 2012 with current figures and will submit the update to the Department of Environmental Protection by the week of December 9, 2013.

Operations at the water treatment plant are also going well with staff working on the water hammer issue and the SCADA control.

Rundquist plans to visit the Washington Farms site in December and asked any members that were interested to go along.

With all agenda items being addressed, on a Hostetter/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Murray and Myers were absent) the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, December 30, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary