

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2011

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building with the following members in attendance: Bob Coladonato, Chad Murray, Bob Schemmerling and Rodney Eberly. Elwood Myers was absent from the meeting. Also attending were Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; Tom Davis, Public Works Director; and Steve Zeller of Brinjac Engineering. Audience members included Mike Hicks.

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

On an Eberly/Murray motion passed 4-0, (Myers was absent) the meeting minutes of February 28, 2011 were approved.

On an Eberly/Schemmerling motion, passed 4-0, (Myers was absent) the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved.

On a Schemmerling/Murray motion, passed 4-0, (Myers was absent) payment of bills from the Repair and Improvement Account were approved.

On a Schemmerling/Eberly motion, passed 4-0, (Myers was absent) bills from the Project Fund were approved for payment.

On a Schemmerling/Eberly motion, passed 4-0 (Myers was absent), **Frank Thomas, 2-lot Subdivision/Land Development Plan**, was approved with the comment that the plan would require three (3) additional Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) to the one (1) existing EDU on the property.

On a Schemmerling/Eberly motion, passed 4-0 (Myers was absent), a request for termination of sewer service for a property at 738 Hykes Road was approved with the stipulations that the continuation of payment of sewer bill is until August 22, 2011 as six months of vacancy will have been attained; and a permit to cap the sewer be applied for and paid for an inspection after the sewer line has been capped.

Authority members discussed ownership of the sewer system since the refinancing of sewer revenue bonds, saving taxpayers \$1,093,884.31 over the life of the loan. The Authority owns and holds deed to the sewer system properties, but the Board of Supervisors provide the employees and service of the sewer system. In the refinancing of sewer revenue bonds, the Board of Supervisors assumed the loan and the Municipal Authority is now debt free. Since the MA has basically no say (they can still make recommendations to the BOS) on how the sewer system is operated, the question became – should the Municipal Authority get out of the sewer business all together and turn over the Authority's repair and improvement fund to the BOS to use as specified? Schemmerling and Eberly concurred with Coladonato that dissolving the Municipal Authority was a solution as they own the deeds but don't physically own the system. However, the Authority would still have to exist as owners and operators of the water system and if the repair and improvement account is not turned over to the Board of Supervisors (the R&I account belongs to the Authority) they would have to exist to manage the account. Coladonato asked Authority members to think about the different scenarios as he would like to decide what fate is in store for the Authority in the next few months.

On a Murray/Eberly motion, passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) a professional engineering services proposal for contract administration and project representation was approved for Brinjac Engineering at a cost of \$5,200 for the lift station 6 replacement project.

Director Davis announced that the Municipal Authority still owned the water system as the Board of Supervisors voted not to approve the sale to the Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority at their March 22, 2011 meeting.

Eberly reported that a good format is being presented and adequate representation is shown in the data that he is receiving for the sewer system maintenance committee.

Steve Zeller, of Brinjac Engineering, said that the Chapter 94 report was ready to be sent to DEP. Chairman Coladonato submitted a summary report for Chapter 94 that he and Murray had prepared after the forming of a Chapter 94 committee in August of 2010 to review inconsistencies found in the 2009 Chapter 94 report. The summary report contained background of Chapter 94; the committee's findings; and recommendations to make reporting for 2011 more consistent. Coladonato had prepared a graphic presentation showing the inconsistencies.

Davis reported that B&R Electrical Contractors would not order any more equipment for the water treatment plant upgrade as they believed they were working without a contract, since the Municipal Authority had enacted a completion date of February 28, 2011, which was not met by B&R. Brinjac Engineering recommended that the Authority extend the completion date to May 15, 2011, to which Administrator Graham canvassed Municipal Authority members as to whether this was an acceptable extension as Brinjac needed to get an agreement in place for B&R to go back to work. According to Graham, Authority members agreed to the extension and going on record - On a Murray/Schemmerling motion, passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) an extension for completion of the water treatment plant upgrade was approved until May 15 for B&R Contractors. Zeller reported that B&R has since ordered the equipment needed for completion of the project.

Davis reported that there have been a few mechanical failures at the wastewater treatment plant in the past month; UV bulbs are being replaced; and the plant has been operating in a high water/storm mode since the beginning of March.

Davis reported that he had met with a representative of Kappe on the issue of a non-operational UV controller at the wastewater treatment plant. The cost estimate from Kappe was \$54,000 for new equipment PLC and HMI including a new \$10,000 HACH transmission sampler, which is now dysfunctional. Davis has since negotiated the price to \$43,850 with Township staff doing some background work. ATMA members recommended that this issue be taken to the Board of Supervisors right away and Zeller suggested including the line conditions and surge protection to protect the new equipment in the future.

Davis reported that the punch list for lift station 15 has not been completed by Pumping Solutions Inc. and their final payment is still being withheld until completion.

Davis reported that sewer line testing at Antrim Commons Business Park has commenced with Authority members making a comment that no Land Use Permits be issued for this property until a "Deed of Dedication for Sewer Lines" is signed and recorded.

Davis reported that operations at the water treatment plant are normal. The operator reported that he is now receiving a continuous signal from the Cedarbrook Water Tower. Zeller reported that confirmation has been received from DEP that an ultraviolet disinfection unit will not be necessary for the upgrade at the water treatment plant.

Zeller reported that plans and specifications are 95% complete for the lift station 3 replacement and the lift station 17 modification with final review ready by April 1. Zeller said that draw-downs will have to be verified in the specifications for lift station 6 with a notice to proceed issued.

Zeller said that Township staff was to meet with the landfill representatives to review a UV report and investigation for pretreatment limits and the landfill, following review, would submit the report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. Following approval, and if no advertising of the local limit is needed, the Township will be able to adopt this new limit immediately.

In finishing the Engineer's Report Zeller strongly suggested that the Township install a new building over the dumpster at the wastewater treatment plant as the screenings had frozen twice in January and jammed the compactor.

On a Schemmerling/Murray motion, passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) Change Order 8E (\$6,982 for a back wash flow meter) was added to the final approval of Change Order 2E (\$27,135) for labor and material to modify the blow off system which had mistakenly been omitted by Foxcroft in the original paperwork . Change order 2E was originally approved in October of 2010 with the stipulation that there was enough grant money to pay for the mistake. Zeller estimated, according to Brinjac's calculations, there may be roughly \$12,000 left from the grant money, at completion of the water treatment plant upgrade, unless something unforeseen arises.

Solicitor Fenicle told Authority members that there was nothing new to report on the Washington Farms sewer lines dedication and advised that staff refuse service when developers apply for sewer for the development, until such time as the lines are dedicated.

Fenicle reported that litigation in the Ronca lawsuit was in the discovery process with subpoenas served on Brinjac Engineering for records for the Northern Region Sewer Extension.

On an Eberly/Schemmerling motion passed 4-0 (Myers was absent) the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary