

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2011

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Antrim Township Municipal Building with the following members in attendance: Bob Coladonato, Chad Murray, Elwood Myers, Bob Schemmerling and Rodney Eberly. Also attending were Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; and Steve Zeller of Brinjac Engineering. Audience members included Tim Hogan, Pat Coggins, Tim Witter, Jim Maun and Joel Martin.

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

On an Eberly/Schemmerling motion passed 4-0, the meeting minutes of March 28, 2011 were approved. (Myers was absent from the 3/28 meeting.)

On a Schemmerling/Myers motion, passed 5-0, the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved. Check #3131 has been voided as it was not a water fund invoice.

There were no bills for the Repair and Improvement Account.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, bills from the Project Fund were approved for payment.

On a Myers/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, a sewer facilities planning module exemption was approved for **Frank Thomas, 2-lot Subdivision/Land Development Plan**, as Lot #1 has 5 existing Equivalent Dwelling Units and Lot #2 has 4 existing Equivalent Dwelling Units.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, **Antrim Commons Business Park Lot 9, 1-lot Subdivision and Land Development, Antrim Commons Drive**, was approved with the comments that repair and improvement charges and bonding must be in place prior to Board of Supervisors final approval and an agreement that was made with Dominic Perini, former owner of the property, to eliminate a grinder pump, be honored.

On an Eberly/Myers motion, passed 5-0, **Antrim Meadows Phase 2A, 43-lot Subdivision, Williamsport Pike**, was approved with the comments that the sewer modules for this development be reviewed to see if the sewer lines can go to lift station 25; repair and improvement charges and bonding must be in place prior to Board of Supervisors final approval; and all sewer lines are dedicated to Antrim Township prior to the first Occupancy Permit being issued.

On a Myers/Murray motion, passed 5-0 **Martin's Farm Trucks, 1-lot Subdivision and Land Development, Molly Pitcher Highway**, was approved with the comment that a note must be added to the plan stating that 1 Equivalent Dwelling Unit is assessed this property with the property to have one year of metered usage and at that time it will be reassessed according to the usage; and the reference to a "water line" be changed to a "force main" on the plan prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On an Eberly/Murray motion, passed 5-0, **Rolling Hills Phase 2A Lots 5 and 6, Oakley Drive**, was approved with the comment that one (1) repair and improvement charge must be in place for each lot prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 4-1 (Schemmerling voted "nay"), **Stoneybrake Village Section B, 1-lot Subdivision, Pensinger Road** was approved.

On an Eberly/Myers motion, passed 5-0, **Clement Haldeman, 1-lot Subdivision, Williamsport Pike**, was approved.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, **Barr Dairy Farm, Agricultural Land Development, Hollowell Church Road**, was recognized. There is no sewer need for this land development plan and

the location is not in a sewer service area.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, **Olde Sycamore Estates, 2-lot Residential Subdivision, McDowell Road**, was recognized as being serviced by an on-lot system.

On a Myers/Murray motion, passed 5-0, **Dennis and Renee Rife, Land Development, Guitner Road**, was recognized. There is no sewer service needed for this land development plan.

Chairman Coladonato discussed the dedication process for water and sewer systems and asked Municipal Authority members for information and/or feedback as to how this process could be better implemented and if the amendments should be made to the existing process to include: sewer as-builts be submitted as a CAD drawing; and a statement such as “No Occupancy Permits Will Be Issued” until all dedications are in place. He asked that Solicitor Fenicle look through the Deed of Dedication procedures and have information available at the next meeting.

Coladonato also said that he would like to get a handle on what deeds of dedication the Township has on file and what deeds of dedication have not been received and asked Administrator Graham what was the status of that information being provided.

Chairman Coladonato also presented a formal Sewer Bill Waiver Request document to be implemented for users seeking a waiver and a draft copy of the criteria for applying for a waiver. On a Myers/Murray motion passed 5-0, this form was accepted.

Members also reviewed a “draft” ordinance amending the current ordinance for a sewer payment waiver request in hopes of keeping the procedure consistent. Coladonato volunteered to assist in getting this draft ordinance active.

Members discussed ownership of the sewer system with Coladonato asking members to be prepared to make a recommendation at the May 23, 2011 meeting whether or not to turn the ownership of the Authority’s sewer system over to the Supervisors. Also, Solicitor Fenicle was asked to research the legal ramifications of turning over the repair and improvement fund to the Supervisors, if the Municipal Authority would dissolve.

Administrator Graham reported that punch list items for the completion of lift station 15 have been done except for the removal of a utility pole.

Administrator Graham reported that Public Works Director Tom Davis would be keeping track of the lift station flows on a monthly basis and that draw down tests would be done to all the lift stations to get and keep the lift station data accurate. There is a cost associated with the draw down tests and Coladonato reminded Graham that there was money that was budgeted in the Chapter 94 account that could be used for these tests.

Coladonato asked Graham about the sewer system map, as he (Coladonato) has been asking for two years to see the map with all the sewer lines shown and to see if it has been updated with all the new development. Coladonato has yet to see the map. Graham said he would work on getting the map.

Steve Zeller of Brinjac Engineering, reported that the water treatment plant upgrade/expansion start up is scheduled for mid-May with Foxcroft, a subcontractor, slowing the process due to not ordering pressure relief valves.

On a Schemmerling/Murray motion, passed 5-0, Change Order # 4 for a \$19,000.00 credit to Antrim Township was approved for the water treatment plant upgrade/expansion.

Zeller reported that Lift Station #15 has been completed; the wet well has been moved at Lift Station #6; and that bids for the Lift Station #3 project will be opened May 19, 2011.

Zeller reminded Authority members that new fecal limits will be used beginning May 1, 2011 at the

wastewater treatment plant.

Solicitor Fenicle told Authority members that there was nothing new to report on the Washington Farms sewer lines dedication.

Fenicle reported that the “discovery process” was ongoing in litigation with Ronca.

Authority members have been made aware that there are private operators asking if the ATMA would be interested in selling the water system as the regionalization of the water system did not go through with GAFCWA. The Authority agreed that they were not interested in selling the water treatment system to private operators and discussed whether to embark on a business plan to maintain the water plant or “give” the plant/system to the Board of Supervisors.

Eberly informed Authority members that the law that required sprinkler systems to be installed in all new residential construction was repealed.

On an Eberly/Murray motion passed 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary