

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2009

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, June 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Antrim Township Municipal Building with the following members in attendance: Elwood Myers, Roy Baum, Bob Schemmerling, Rodney Eberly and Bob Coladonato. Also attending were Shawn Meyers, Solicitor; Brad Graham, Township Administrator; and Steve Zeller, of Brinjac Engineering. The meeting was being audio recorded. Audience members included Mike Hicks and Rick Baer. Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

On a Schemmerling/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, the meeting minutes of May 18, 2009 were approved. On a Coladonato/Baum motion, passed 5-0, the Treasurer's Report for Water was approved along with the payment of bills.

On a Baum/Schemmerling motion, passed 5-0, a Request from Planning Waiver-Non-Building declaration was approved for Century Commercial Park, Molly Pitcher Highway. On a Coladonato/Schemmerling motion, passed 5-0, Heritage Estates West, Phase I, 129-lot Residential Subdivision was approved with the comment that all fees must be paid prior to Board of Supervisors final approval. On a Schemmerling/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, Sheetz, Land Development Plan, Buchanan Trail East/Grindstone Hill Road, was approved with the following comments: show detail on plan of the abandonment of the existing 12" line at the manhole on Route 16; show additional cleanouts and inspection manhole in accordance with the Township Ordinance; if inspection manhole is not at the junction, show a detail of how the junction will be made; add a note that "Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) accepts no liability or responsibility in the event fill dirt encroaches over fuel tanks or other appurtenances when accessing sewer lines; add a note granting ATMA right to access all easements; and all fees must be paid prior to Board of Supervisors final approval. According to Steve Zeller of Brinjac Engineering, the DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) grant for \$1.2 million, which has been awarded to Antrim Township, is now in the office of the comptroller and the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) office waiting for signatures and attorney approval. Once the grant has been received, the water treatment plant upgrade can go out for bid. Bob Coladonato talked about the Municipal Authority's Decentralized Water Treatment Systems document (Resolution 7-05) and asked why this was never adopted as an ordinance. Zeller of Brinjac said he was not familiar with the document but that he would research to see who prepared the document and why it was never adopted as an ordinance. Coladonato wants to see some sort of guidance as to whether the Resolution is the document that allows Township specifications pertaining to decentralized water systems to be enforced or if that would require an ordinance. There is also a Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System resolution that has been adopted as an ordinance. Municipal Authority members signed a Certificate of Incumbency for M&T Bank indicating who may sign on behalf of the Authority. Authority members were given copies of the 2008 Municipal Authority Audit for their review. A Schemmerling/Baum motion passed 5-0, directing Administrator Graham to ask a representative of the auditing firm Boyer and Ritter to present the audit to members at the next Authority meeting, July 27, 2009.

Coladonato asked why the Board of Supervisors decided to eliminate sewer line insurance. Administrator Graham explained that the new insurance company handling the Township account advised that it was not needed. Graham was directed to find out if Bond Counsel for the Authority required this kind of insurance and if it is required, it should be reinstated.

Zeller reported that the elimination of lift station #4 project hit a snag when plans were submitted to PHMC (Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission). PHMC is requiring a Phase I investigation (archaeological dig) to be performed on the field where the right-of-way has been obtained. Zeller will

meet with the director of PHMC Tuesday, June 30 to discuss alternatives to this Phase I investigation. In the meantime, Zeller requested that the ATMA approve a Phase I investigation at a cost of \$13,200.00 (low bid) by an engineering firm. In the meantime, final plans and specifications have been prepared and ready for bid, according to Zeller. On a Schemmerling/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, the Authority accepted the lowest bid of \$13,200 for a Phase I investigation contingent upon the outcome of the meeting with Zeller and PHMC as to whether or not a Phase I investigation can be avoided.

On a Schemmerling/Baum motion, passed 5-0, Chairman Myers signed the Annual Report of Municipal Authorities 2008, prepared by the Township Auditors Boyer & Ritter, for submission to DCED.

Zeller reported on the Digester Upgrade and Solar Thermo System Sludge Management Project and informed Authority members that since the project was submitted for ARRA Green grant monies, which will be awarded July 21, 2009, not only was the cost of engineering design fees not to come from the grant but all engineering fees were not included and the cost of pumps and pipes were not included in the grant. The grant money must be used for "Construction" only. Therefore, if the project receives the ARRA grant, another \$553,732.00 would be needed to pay for all the engineering fees and pumps and pipes associated with the project. This money would have to be borrowed.

If the Authority decides to wait until their Act 537 Plan update is complete, the Township would have to fund the entire project (\$4,167,751 plus engineering fees) by borrowing the money. Any money that would need to be borrowed would result in an increase in Equivalent Dwelling Units (sewer rate) ranging from \$10.60 per year to \$47.00 per year depending on the grant award and which option the Authority and Supervisors choose. Zeller said that based on all alternatives, the Digester Upgrade and Solar Thermo System Sludge Management Project remains the most cost effective, lowest capital cost and lowest long term solution to meet Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulatory requirements and he projected that more than \$1 million could be saved over a 20-year life cycle period compared to any other alternatives.

On a Coladonato/Schemmerling motion, passed 5-0, Authority members recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they continue with the digester upgrade project and understand that the engineering fees and pumps and pipes are to be part of the loan and not the grant. On a Coladonato/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, Authority members recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider negotiating engineering costs for this project. Chairman Myers called for an Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. to discuss litigation.

On a Schemmerling/Baum motion, the Executive Session ended at 10:25 p.m. with Solicitor Meyers announcing that Ronca litigation was discussed.

On a Baum/Schemmerling motion, passed 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary