

**ANTRIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2009**

The Antrim Township Municipal Authority met Monday, October 26, 2009, at 7 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 David Brinjac, of Brinjac Engineering. Audience members included G. Lilja.

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

On an Eberly/Baum motion, passed 5-0, the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2009 were approved.

On a Schemmerling/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, the Treasurer's Report for Water along with the payment of bills was approved.

There were no bills for payment from the Repair and Improvement Account.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 4-0-1 (Schemmerling abstained) a sewer facilities planning module exemption from planning, was approved for Rolling Hills Phase I, Lot 14, Land Development, Lindale Avenue.

On a Schemmerling/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, a request from planning waiver/non-building declaration was approved for Signature Development, 2-lot Subdivision, Rolling Hills Drive.

On a Myers/Eberly motion, passed 5-0, a request from planning waiver/non-building declaration was approved for Nelson Diller, 1-lot Subdivision, Milnor Road.

On a Baum/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, Antrim Business Park LP, 1-lot Subdivision/Lot Addition, Commerce Avenue, was approved.

On a Coladonato/Eberly motion, passed 4-0-1, (Schemmerling abstained) Rolling Hills, Lot 14, Land Development Plan, Lindale Avenue, was approved with the comment that repair and improvement charges and recreation fees must be in place prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

On a Baum/Coladonato motion, passed 5-0, Signature Development, 2-lot Subdivision, Rolling Hills Drive, was approved with the comment that two (2) repair and improvement charges must be in place prior to Board of Supervisors final approval.

Municipal Authority members agreed that an Internal Guideline and Checklist for Staff Assessment of the Repair and Improvement Charge should be implemented and used in assessing Equivalent Dwelling Units as outlined in the document presented to them for review.

Members discussed the review process for sewer facilities planning modules/request from building waiver/non-building declarations. Sylvia House, Zoning Officer, said that she spoke to Mike McNulty of DEP and he related that he would still like to receive the modules however, it did not have to come before the ATMA for approval. Members agreed with Schemmerling, that if the property shows a proposed building, the Authority would look at the plan. If there is no plan for building on the property, ATMA would not need to review it.

Administrator Brad Graham reported that he had forwarded a confirmation letter from the Township's insurance carrier stating that sewer lines were adequately covered under the policy, to the Authority's Bond Counsel, but had no reply.

Solicitor Shawn Meyers reported that research has provided that Dan Sheedy, of Land Development

Corp., developer of Greencastle Greens, or whoever installed the lines in the ground, owns the sewer laterals that connect to a sewer interceptor line and easement owned by Dan Sheedy as an individual. According to his research, Meyers found that the Township only has deeds for sewer lines in Greencastle Greens Phase IIC and does not own sewer lines in any other Phases of the development, indicating that the Authority needs to obtain ownership of the lines prior to doing any maintenance on the lines. House said that inspections and as-builts would be required prior to the ATMA and Board of Supervisors accepting deeds of dedication for these sewer lines.

Meyers said he would meet with Paul Schemel, who represents Washington Farms Inc.; the owner of the lines, whether it be Washington Farms Inc. or Dan Sheedy of Land Development Corp.; and staff to resolve this issue.

Graham stated that the Township has been permitted to perform restoration work on the Izer property and that Township staff would be doing the work.

Authority members instructed Graham to prepare RFQs to solicit proposals for engineering services and a solicitor, but to check with Authority members for names of firms that should be sent a RFQ.

David Brinjac reported that he would have Act 57 calculations ready for the November 23 meeting in reference to the tap fees and rent for water and sewer and the repair and improvement charge.

On a Schemmerling/Baum motion, passed 5-0, Authority members recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant a request for waiver from sewer payment as per the recommendation of Rose Knable, the sewer billing clerk, for property owned by the Bowman Group at 806, 810 and 814 Buchanan Trail East, with the knowledge that all sewer lines have been capped and inspected.

Brinjac reported that the sewer planning module and Part II permit will be complete with ground to be broken for demolition of lift station 4 next month. He said that the Board of Supervisors will need to adopt a resolution stating that there is an approved amendment to the Act 537 plan. Brinjac suggested that the Township dedicate a staff member to watch over the construction at lift station 4 for the next four or five weeks until demolition is complete.

Brinjac reported that construction on lift station 16 is set to begin within the next two weeks.

Brinjac said that the waste water treatment plant operator had noticed some improvement in I&I (infiltration and inflow) at the plant since the sewer lining project is complete except for some groundwork that needs to be completed.

Authority members reviewed a report submitted by Roger Nowell, water treatment plant operator who reported on operations at the plant, water production, water table, a leak that has been located and repaired and ongoing distribution pressure monitoring. Brinjac said they are trying to solve the problem of water pressure variation in the Cedarbrook Development and thinks that it should be operating properly by Thanksgiving.

Brinjac reported that the water treatment plant upgrade is out for bid with a pre-bid conference scheduled for Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. in the Antrim Township building. Bids are due back and to be opened November 18.

Authority members discussed the preliminary draft of the 2010 Water Fund Budget, citing a substantial increase in electric rates and insurance reflecting an increase in the expenses side of the budget. The lack of new construction, tap fees and new water customers was also a big item in the revenue column. The preliminary document showed \$230,271.94 in expenses with only \$218,000.00 in revenue, a deficit of \$12,271.94. Members suggested a 5.6% increase in user fees to offset the deficit. According to some members, that increase was not out of line with what other water suppliers were showing as increases, in fact, it was lower than most others.

Graham addressed the Authority concerning a resident who would like to purchase a lot at 450 Hykes Road and wanted to know the cost of getting public water to the lot. Nowell advised that there were no water mains that pass by the lot, although a water main passes through the intersection of Hykes Road, Cobble and Sherwood drives and didn't think that the lot was within 100 feet of a main. Authority members advised that the resident hire an engineer to show the proposed connection and they would review it, but it would not be at the Authority's expense.

Chairman Myers called for an executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss a property issue. The executive session ended at 9:25 p.m. On a Schemmerling/Baum motion, passed 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The next meeting of the Antrim Township Municipal Authority will be Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell

Recording Secretary