

CONSIDERATION OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP MINE PROPOSAL EXTENDED INTO NEW YEAR

Village officials have attended numerous Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (ATBZA) hearings regarding a request for a conditional use permit and related variances required to allow Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. to operate a deep limestone mine in the vicinity of Round Bottom Road and Broadwell Road in Anderson Township. These hearings, which have been continuing since August, are now expected to continue twice each month at least through the month of January.

The November 19th hearing was mainly dedicated to continued testimony by the applicant's hydrology expert, cross examination, and proponent testimony by Little Miami Incorporated. The December 4, 2008 hearing involved cross examination of proponent testimony by Little Miami, Inc. Executive Director, Eric Partee, and testimony by Martin Marietta's environmental compliance expert. The December 17, 2008 meeting, which is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., is expected to include testimony from one of three additional Martin Marietta witnesses addressing noise, health & safety issues, and another blasting expert. Based upon the time required for such testimony, and cross examination by opposing legal counsel, it is expected that hearing from these witnesses will extend well into January.

The ATBZA has set two hearing dates in January in order to hear the rest of the Martin Marietta presentation, other proponent testimony, and opponent testimony. The additional hearing dates are January 8, 2009 (5:30 p.m.), and January 21, 2009 (5:30 p.m.). All the ATBZA meetings are held in the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township 45230. Attorneys representing various nearby property owners, and the Village of Indian Hill, Newtown and Terrace Park, have also indicated that they plan to call a series of witnesses to present testimony in opposition to the proposed mine. Residents who would like to present testimony at the hearings can expect to have that opportunity at the January 21, 2008 hearing, and at future, yet to be scheduled hearings.

Village officials and our legal counsel will continue to attend the hearings and express our concerns about noise, truck traffic, light pollution, and dust pollution. We will also continue to advise residents of the status of the case and any related Village actions in direct mailings to south Indian Hill neighborhoods, future Bulletin articles, and on the Village webpage: www.ihill.org.

Any questions about the current status of the case may be directed to the City Manager's office, 561-6500.