

June 30th Ann Arbor Township Statement on MMM Settlement Negotiations

As part of ongoing litigation settlement negotiations between Ann Arbor Charter Township and Mid-Michigan Materials LLC (MMM), the Ann Arbor Township Board is actively reviewing settlement information submitted by MMM regarding the future for the MMM mineral mining operation. The Board's priorities include protection of the aquifer by maintaining the current court-ordered prohibitions on dewatering and discharge of mine water into surrounding areas, reducing the impacts of trucking on the township community, and the property's reclamation. If successful settlement terms can be reached, this final agreement would be a consent judgement which will be an enforceable court decree. Any violations of the consent judgement would be directly enforceable in court. Before a settlement is reached, an initial public input session will be held to solicit input on an updated reclamation plan from MMM. The reclamation plan will be provided to the public in advance of that session. A second public input session is planned once the township has all necessary information and the framework for a settlement has been established. The Board anticipates that the second session likely will occur in August/September. It is anticipated that these negotiations will extend beyond the current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) expiration date and, as part of these negotiations, the CUP date will be extended for a limited time with mining operations continuing under the conditions of the current CUP and court-ordered limitations on dewatering.