

**OPPONENT TESTIMONY NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN
ANDERSON TOWNSHIP MINE HEARINGS**

Village officials continue to attend 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 2008, are now expected to continue through March.

The January 21, 2009 hearing represented the first opportunity for expert witness testimony in opposition. All the preceding ATBZA hearings since October 2, 2008 have involved proponent testimony by Martin Marietta representatives and experts. Opponent testimony included: a traffic expert who raised concerns about the limited scope of Martin Marietta's traffic impact study; the City Manager of Indian Hill, who presented the Village's concerns about the potential negative impacts associated with noise, lighting, dust, and traffic; and, two vibration experts, who testified that their modeling of the probable vibration impacts indicated that there would be significant incidents of offsite vibration in surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

The ATBZA cancelled their February 5, 2009 meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Attorneys representing the various opponents to the mine proposal have indicated that they will put a series of other expert witnesses on the stand during this meeting. They plan to present a blasting expert, an expert on dust impacts, and an appraiser. These experts are expected to testify regarding the probable negative impacts on nearby residents and how those impacts may affect property values. Opponent expert testimony will probably be concluded at the Board's March 5, 2009 meeting with a presentation by an expert in the field of land use planning and zoning. The first opportunity for opponent testimony from interested citizens is now tentatively slated for March 18, 2009. Any concerned residents are encouraged to attend this meeting which will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Anderson Center located at 7850 Five Mile Road. Continuing meeting dates have not yet been set for April, but the regular ATBZA April meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

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 about 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.