

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2007**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Robert Sloss, William Loux and Chris Hannum. David Crock and Edward O'Brien and were absent. Also in attendance were Sandra Hasselhan, Anatasia Hart, Katherine Lehman, Robert Bealer, Ralph Reitmeyer, Dennis Elliott, Diana Updegrave, Rich Minge, Henry Bealer, Bob Miller, Bursich Associates Engineers, Chris Pelka, LTL Consultants, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes [December 19, 2006]**

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the December 19, 2006 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Loux seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

There was no action on the approval of the November 27, 2006 meeting minutes, which were tabled at the December 19, 2006 meeting, due to the fact that revisions were requested to page 2 section 7 of these minutes based on comments made by Vice Chairman Sloss regarding the proposed 2007 Budget.

**III. Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

Chairman Bealer distributed copies of a report listing Sewer Fund Transfer Information depicting the estimated costs for salaries and benefits and other related costs that are paid by the Sewer Fund.

**IV. Public Comments**

Mr. Minge of Renovations inquired as to what was the delay with respect to his Sewer Escrow Release request. Mr. Hannum stated that this matter would be addressed by the end of this week.

Ms. Lehman asked if there would still be discussion on the Farmington Avenue West Project or had everything basically been determined regarding this Project. Mr. Hannum stated that a meeting was held on December 19, 2006 regarding this Project and that another meeting was scheduled for this evening at 7:00 P.M. He added that items questioned by the public regarding this Project would be addressed. Mr. Hannum emphasized that there would be additional open discussion on this Project.

## **V. Updates**

### **A. Farmington Avenue**

Mr. Layne commented that the sewer work on Farmington Avenue is basically complete. Mr. Hannum added that there are some remaining Punch List items that need to be taken care of for Phase II and III of this Project. Vice Chairman Sloss asked about the pipe that was located and lying near Farmington Avenue and Steinmetz Road. He stated that contamination can come from sewer pipe and that this matter should be monitored.

### **B. Meter Installation on Farmington Avenue**

Mr. Layne stated that the Township had contacted a firm to provide maintenance services on the Farmington Avenue meter. He added that Frank Quinter and other Public Works staff had recently met with Borough Authority representatives at the site of this newly installed meter.

### **C. Wolf Run Project Public Water Service Installation**

Mr. Layne stated that the majority of the designated public water connections had been completed in the Greengate area and that substantial progress had been made in the Central Farmington Avenue area.

### **D. Superior Installations**

Mr. Layne reiterated that efforts to provide public water connections were moving forward. Vice Chairman Sloss expressed his concern that Superior provide satisfactory water pressure levels throughout the Township to insure that fire hydrants have more than adequate water flow for fighting fires. Mr. Layne responded that Superior had provided recent correspondence stating that water pressure concerns noted by the Township had been addressed by them. Vice Chairman Sloss requested that Superior provide documentation regarding their testing of the fire hydrants located in the Township.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Mrs. Hasselhan's concern**

Ms. Hasselhan stated that she did not want sewage in their well or on in her home. Vice Chairman Sloss stated that he had recently walked around Ms. Hasselhan's property and he checked the water and found it to be clean. He was unclear as to the source of the water running onto her property but stated that it could be coming from a septic system located above her property that had not been properly closed off. Mr. Henry Bealer stated that the water might be coming from a bank located on Mangers Mill. Ms. Hasselhan stated that she has had this sewage problem since 2005. Mr. Robert Bealer stated that the problem might be emanating from a cesspool or a septic tank. Chairman Bealer requested that Ms. Hasselhan contact the Township the next time this problem occurs.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Removal of septic tank**

Vice Chairman Sloss requested that the abandoned septic tank be removed where the recent trailer fire occurred. Mr. Layne stated that he would follow-up on this matter.

**B. Pascal Annexation/Land Development Plan**

Mr. Miller, with Bursich Associates, discussed the request by his client for two new laterals to be tied into an upgraded grinder pump on the original property. LTL, based on an existing ordinance, had previously responded to this request that only one building sewer should be connected to any lateral. Mr. Hannum stated that the Township ordinance would not allow for approval of this request and it would need to be determined as to who would share in the cost of the pumping station. Mr. Hannum further stated that additional details would be needed in order for LTL to consider reversing their decision on this matter.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Loux moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 P.M. Vice Chairman Sloss seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, February 26, 2007**