

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Robert Sloss, David Crock and Chris Hannum. William Loux and Edward O'Brien were absent. Also in attendance were Elwood Taylor, President, Board of Commissioners, Richard Mingey, Peter Hnat, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [January 29, 2007]

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the January 29, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Crock seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the January 29, 2007 Special Meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Crock seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Reports

A. Flow Report

Mr. Hannum discussed the monthly Flow Report that had been previously distributed to Committee members. He cited the fact that efforts were still ongoing to obtain accurate data from the recently installed Farmington meter. He stated that we have approximately 25 days of data. He added that flow is showing 235 gallons per day per EDU. He further stated that past readings had showed 400 to 500 gallons per day per EDU. He surmised that these recent readings appear to be encouraging.

Mr. Hannum stated that a night meter reading, when flows are very light, would be a good time to check the flows for the problematic Poplar Street meter. There was additional discussion on the high flows shown at Poplar Street and that further surveillance addressing this issue was necessary.

IV. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

V. Updates

A. Wolf Run Project public water service installation

Mr. Layne stated that only eight out of 270 residents had opted not to have public water installed in their homes. Vice Chairman Sloss asked about the funding level for this Project. Mr. Layne stated that there is an addendum that is being prepared that should provide for the additional funds needed for this Project. He further stated that other funding options, i.e., Penn Vest, Federal funding, etc. have been

investigated if additional Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) funds are not provided for this Project.

B. Regal Oaks

Chairman Bealer stated that the information providing for the transfer of the operating permit for Regal Oaks has been submitted to PADEP. He also stated that efforts are moving forward for the televising of the pipes at Regal Oaks. He commented that the cursory inspection identified I&I problems at this location. He further stated that needed upgrades for this facility would be paid for by the Township. Mr. Hnat stated that he is a resident of Regal Oaks and that his septic system is failing and that he would like to be hooked into the Regal Oaks sewer system. Chairman Bealer stated that the Township hopes to solve problems in areas identified as having failing systems. Mr. Hannum stated that he would look further into this matter.

VI. Old Business

A. Farmington West Project

Chairman Bealer stated that a special meeting was held with residents residing in the Farmington West Project area, e.g., Farmington Avenue and Chestnut Grove. He stated that some of the residents were upset with the proposed easements for this Project. He stated that the Township had been making efforts since the January 29th Special Meeting to resolve these easement concerns. Mr. Mingey expressed his concerns with the costs to residents for this Project. Mr. Garner stated that he had provided a letter to Mr. Mingey's attorney regarding this matter last week. Vice Chairman Sloss asked if there was a "drop dead" date for this Project. Mr. Hannum stated that there was not a "drop dead" date but that a proposed schedule for beginning and ending this Project had been submitted.

B. Budget review

Chairman Bealer stated that a budget worksheet depicting Township costs that were related to the Sewer Fund had been distributed for the Committee for their review. He added that budget review information would be provided to the Committee throughout the year. Vice Chairman Sloss requested information showing daily pay-out expenses and cost figures for companies to provide sewer services.

VII. New Business

A. Future planning and funding issues

Chairman Bealer stated that we would be reviewing where funding is needed for particular projects for the upcoming years. He added that the Committee would be reviewing I&I resolution plans, five to 10 years plans, etc. Additional statements regarding this matter included Mr. Taylor's emphasis on the Township's need to resolve sewer concerns. Mr. Mingey commented on the importance of knowing the number of EDUs that might be available from the Borough of Pottstown and how that impacts on future planning and funding issues. Mr. Crock recommended that the Township move towards developing its own sewer disposal plant.

Mr. Hnat asked that public water services be considered for Regal Oaks.

Mr. Mingey stated that the 1,300 feet of pipe in Farmington Avenue needed to be upgraded.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 P.M. Mr. Crock 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, March 26, 2007**