

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 25, 2007**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Robert Sloss, Edward O'Brien and David Crock. William Loux was absent. Also in attendance were Elwood Taylor, President of the Commission, Chris Hannum, Township Engineer, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [May 29, 2007]

Mr. O'Brien moved that the May 29, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Sloss seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports

A. Flow Report

Mr. Hannum discussed the May Flow Report that had been previously distributed to Committee members. Mr. Hannum noted in the report that difficulties occurred collecting some of the daily flow data for the Applebee's flow meter, and that the meter had been sent in for repairs. He added that flow data had been estimated for the majority of the month and that all other meters were reported as functioning normally. Mr. O'Brien commented that there have been ongoing problems with the Applebees' meter and he asked if the Township's spare meter could be utilized. Mr. Hannum stated that he would check further into this matter but that he was not certain if the spare meter could be placed in this location for this purpose. Mr. Sloss agreed with Mr. O'Brien regarding this matter. Mr. Sloss further stated that there was a major I&I problem as shown by how much the numbers increased in the Flow Report when it rained. Mr. O'Brien stated that sump pumps may be hooked into the system. Additional comments regarding this matter included discussion on the types of meter utilized and the problems with the high readings at Poplar Street.

V. Updates

A. Wolf Run Project public water service installation

Mr. Layne stated that the Wolf Run Project was winding down towards completion. He stated that the \$475,000 amendment for this project had been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). He stated that easement and other pertinent issues were being worked out in order to install public water onto Coolidge Avenue. He added that efforts to provide public water on Willow Street were moving along.

B. Regal Oaks

Mr. Layne reported that bills had been mailed to the Regal Oaks Sewage Treatment Facility customers by the Township. He stated that the project for televising the pipes in this system had begun that day. Mr. Layne stated that he had provided the DMR reports as requested by the Committee. Mr. Garner stated that the Consent Decree provided by PADEP had been responded to by the Township and that it appeared as if PADEP may be responsive to Township concerns. Mr. O'Brien commented that PADEP had recently emphasized that they would enhance efforts to be customer friendly. Mr. Hannum and Mr. Garner stated that the Township is requesting three years to provide designated major improvements to this system. Mr. Hannum stated that the Regal Oaks Sewage Treatment Facility was operating at three times its stated capacity. Mr. Taylor emphasized that we would have to consider more than Regal Oaks when we consider how to resolve some of the problems that we are addressing. Mr. Sloss noted that problems that were supposedly to be resolved by PADEP in the past when the Township began providing sewer services in the Greengate area were not resolved by PADEP.

VI. Old Business

A. Farmington West Project

Mr. Layne stated that after a sluggish start the Farmington Project was moving forward. He stated that the majority of the letters requesting an easement had been signed and returned to the Township. Mr. Hammond added that the construction bids are projected to go out during the latter part of this year.

B. I&I resolution effort

Mr. Hannum stated that efforts are being made to identify the primary sources of the Township's I&I problems. An example of these efforts included the pulling of manholes at the Coddington View and Woodbrook developments. He added that mobile meters might be obtained to support this endeavor. He stated that additional efforts consisted of their breaking down meter reading history since 2003. He added that Farmington Avenue flows began to creep in November and December of 2006. He stated that the major I&I problems appear to be in Farmington Avenue, Hanover Street and Poplar Street. Mr. Sloss recommended that Poplar Street be focused on for this endeavor. Mr. Taylor commented that if the problems were repaired on Poplar Street with the meter the Township would still be over budget with respect to the scope of the Township's I&I problems. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Township needed to begin somewhere with respect to identifying and resolving this problem.

C. Budget review

Mr. Layne distributed a Sewer & Water Committee Budget Update to the Committee and recently approved Township bills for their review. Mr. Layne responded to several questions regarding the Township bills and emphasized that the 2007 Budget would continue to be monitored very closely.

D. Master Plan - Future planning and funding issues

Chairman Bealer stated that we would look at Regal Oaks and the north end of Township with respect to designating what the Township should do with respect to providing future sewer and water service for the Township.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Sloss moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 P.M. Mr. O'Brien 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, August 27, 2007 (The July 23, 2007 meeting is cancelled)**