

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, David Crock and Jerry DeLena. Edward O'Brien was absent. Also in attendance was Greg Shantz, Garner & Bauer, Chris Hannum, LTL Engineer and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [January 28, 2008]

Mr. Crock moved that the January 28, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. DeLena seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports

A. Flow Report

Mr. Hannum discussed the January 2008 Flow Report data. He noted that the Poplar Street meter was working consistently better and that the problems at this location appear to be more related to inflow than I&I. Chairman Bealer stated that the January 14, 2008 rain event did show significant daily total numbers but that these numbers were not quite as erratic as in the past. Mr. Hannum stated that we had a fairly good month compared to past months. He added that the Township Public Works Department had made optimal efforts to keep the meters operating properly.

V. Updates

A. Wolf Run Project public water service installation

Mr. Layne stated that the Township had received payment for the last invoice submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and that the project was very close to being closed out and that the Wolf Run Project was basically completed.

B. Regal Oaks

Mr. Hannum stated that there appeared to be better communication between Applied Water, PADEP and the Township regarding what was occurring at the Regal Oaks Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). He stated that Applied Water has an Operator on site twice per day who communicates directly with Mr. Hannum. Mr. Hannum stated that the sewage flows were much higher than what the Facility was constructed to handle on a routine basis. Mr. DeLena stated that the present system at this Facility would more than likely continue to fail.

VI. Old Business

A. Corrective Action Plan

The Committee discussed the proposed Corrective Action Plan that would be submitted to the Pottstown Borough Authority. Mr. Hannum stated that the Township is not presently utilizing more than the authorized sewer capacity that the Borough Authority has allotted to the Township but when the proposed sewer needs, i.e., proposed sewer capacity needed for subdivisions that are planned for construction, are added to the existing sewer usage, then the Township is over the allotted sewer capacity. Mr. DeLena stated that the Township should closely examine whether new subdivisions should be constructed if we do not have the sewer capacity to do so. It was noted that a moratorium could only stop the construction of a subdivision if PADEP supported this effort. And, that inadequate sewer capacity was not enough to halt the construction of subdivisions. Mr. Crock expressed concern that sewer projections did not include the installation of sewer in some of the older developments that do not have sewer. Mr. Hannum emphasized the importance of the Township coordinating efforts with developers to insure that there was adequate funding to cover projected sewer construction costs. He added that PADEP had designated Sprogels Run as an impaired stream meaning that the proposed construction of new sewage treatment plant would not be approved by PADEP. Chairman Bealer requested that Mr. Layne contact Mr. O'Brien to receive his input regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan.

B. Farmington West Project

Mr. Hannum stated that the signed agreements for the Farmington West Project between the contractor and the Township were being reviewed by the Solicitor and that once the Solicitor has completed his review that the agreements would be executed by the Township and the project could begin.

C. Budget review

Mr. Layne distributed the December 2007 and January 2008 Balance Sheet and the February 15th Payment Approval Report for review by the Committee. Following brief discussion on this matter, it was noted that this Budget should be monitored closely.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Bealer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 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 24, 2008**