

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

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Jerry De Lena and Edward O'Brien. David Crock was absent. Also in attendance were Robert Wade and Adrian Alderfer, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor, Chris Hannum, LTL Consultants, Ltd. 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 [May 27, 2008]

Mr. O'Brien moved that the May 27, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. De Lena seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Reports

A. Flow Report

Mr. Hannum provided a brief overview of the July Flow Report. He noted that the only area where a revision was necessary was in the determination of the number of EDUs being 1,197 as opposed to 1,114. He noted that the number of EDUs in use was 1,150 and that the number changed virtually every day.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Updates

A. Regal Oaks Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mr. Hannum stated that the Township was basically muddling through with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) staff regarding their recent Notice of Violations (NOV) provided to the Township. He stated that these NOV's were submitted regarding the fact that the monthly DMR reports were not provided to PADEP on the 28th day of each month but 2 to 3 days later. Mr. Hannum stated that in his 20 years of work experience that this was the first time that he had ever seen PADEP require that a DMR be provided on the 28th day of the month as opposed to having the DMR postmarked by the 28th day of each month. He noted that he would respond to PADEP regarding this NOV and that this matter would be handled appropriately.

Mr. Garner stated that the Township was closer to arriving at a "global solution" regarding the Regal Oaks Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Mr. Hannum stated that the pipe-lining project had been completed this summer.

Mr. O'Brien noted that the Plant Operator is responsible for getting the DMRs to PADEP on time. Mr. Garner added that if the late arrivals of the DMRs had been a problem, PADEP staff could have at least given the Township some prior notice.

VI. Old Business

A. Farmington Avenue West Project

Mr. Hannum stated that the letters to residents regarding the connection of the public sewer service for the Farmington Avenue West Project had been mailed out. He stated that the public sewer connections would be made as required by the Township. He added that portions of Farmington Avenue had been repaved.

B. Budget Review

Chairman Bealer stated that the Sewer Fund Budget has been significantly impacted by Regal Oaks Treatment Facility direct and related costs that have been paid by the Township. Mr. O'Brien emphasized the importance and the benefits of having a five-year capital plan for sewer projects. Mr. Layne was requested to contact Township Financial Consultant Matt Dallas in order to schedule a meeting with him and the Sewer and Water Committee. There was a consensus that this meeting should be a special 2009 Sewer Fund Budget meeting and that it should be held on a Monday in September after 3:30 P.M.

C. Dry EDU Ordinance

Following a general discussion regarding the merits of the Township adopting a proposed Dry EDU Ordinance, Mr. De Lena moved that the Sewer and Water Committee recommend that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners advertise the proposed Dry EDU Ordinance. Mr. O'Brien seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

VII. New Business

A. Meeting with Pottstown Borough Authority to facilitate improvements at Regal Oaks and future development

Chairman Bealer stated that Township and Borough officials and staff had met to discuss how the Township and the Borough can work together to resolve pertinent sewer capacity issues. He stated that a Joint Ad Hoc Sewer Committee had been established. He stated that the Borough appeared to be going the extra distance to insure that this effort is successful. He added that Senator John Rafferty and Representative Thomas Quigley had attended a recent Joint Ad Hoc Sewer Committee meeting to address Senate Bill 2 and how proposed funding from this legislation could benefit the Borough and the Township.

B. Public Water

Mr. De Lena expressed concern about the water quality provided by the Superior Water Company. He stated that the water quality provided by Superior to Township residents needs to be checked more closely. Following additional discussion on this matter, it was recommended that the Mr. Layne provide a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requesting that the testing of public water provided by the Superior Water Company specify that TCEs and other areas be part of a testing protocol for checking public water safety levels.

C. Beulah Richards

Mr. Wade inquired as to the time frame for the proposed second phase of the Farmington Avenue West Project that would include 1682 Farmington Avenue, which is the property owned by Beulah Richards. Chairman Bealer stated that this project should begin within the next two years and that he recommended that the present connection and tap-in fees remain the same for those residents to be hooked up in the second phase of this project.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. O'Brien moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 P.M. Mr. De Lena seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for
3:30 P.M.**

September 15, 2008 (Not 7:00 P.M. September 22, 2008)