

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, David Crock and Jerry DeLena. Edward O'Brien was absent. Also in attendance were Jack Lebow, Keith Kehl, Nancy Baker, Rosemary Whitelock, Neil Horter, Paul Bauer, Garner & Bauer, Chris Hannum and Chris Pelka, LTL Engineer, Frank Quinter, Public Works, Director and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes [September 15, 2008]**

Mr. DeLena moved that the September 15, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Chairman Bealer seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Flow Report**

Mr. Hannum discussed the September and October 2008 Flow Reports. Chairman Bealer questioned whether the 14,749,000 WWTP Effluent Daily Total for October 28, 2008 was accurate. Mr. Hannum responded that this figure was correct and that this could be attributed mainly to the Borough of Pottstown. He further stated that there had been three months of consistent meter readings and that the Township's Public Works Department had done an excellent job in attempting to insure that the meters were operating properly. Mr. DeLena added that the flows had been consistent with the exception of the October 28<sup>th</sup> total flow reading of 14,749,000.

**IV. Public Comment**

Ms. Whitelock asked how many EDUs were connected to the Township sewer system. Mr. Hannum responded that the present number is 1,150.

Mr. Kehl inquired as to what was the sewer rate for the Township. Mr. Hannum stated that Township residential customers are charged \$180 per quarter for public sewer services.

Mr. Horter expressed his concern regarding his having to provide an easement on his property in order to comply with the Township's efforts to send sewer flows to the Borough.

**V. Updates**

**A. Regal Oaks**

Mr. Hannum stated that there were two sets of easements that were provided when Regal Oaks was initially constructed. He stated that primarily due to time constraints placed on the Township by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the Township was moving forward with the

present design. He added that along with the Pottstown Borough Authority Engineer, he would be meeting next with PADEP officials in order to establish firm commitments on these plans.

Mr. Kehl expressed his concern with the proposed design of the Regal Oaks sewer project. Mr. Horter stated that the easements were not shown on his deed. Mr. DeLena commented that this easement information should have been placed on his deed by the Title Company. Mr. Horter questioned whether the proposed easement was going to take more than 20 feet of his property. Mr. Bauer responded that the Township would not be taking his property and that he would have the option, if he desired, to apply for a tax assessment appeal on his property as result of this project. Mr. Horter added that the proposed easement was located next to where his well is located. Mr. Horter stated that he would like to keep the firewood from the trees that were cut down. Mr. Horter asked for copies of the proposed easements. Ms. Baker asked whether the proposed design of the system could be revised. Mr. Hannum stated that the proposed system could be redesigned only if another pump station was constructed.

Mr. Kehl stated that the Sprogels Run had been inundated with muddy water over the past year from the proposed Cross Roads development. Mr. Layne responded that PADEP and Montgomery County officials had been contacted regarding this matter.

Mr. DeLena added that the Township had considered upgrading the sewer plant at Regal Oaks or eliminating the sewer plant and sending the sewage to Pottstown. Mr. Hannum added that the long-term plan may involve connecting all Regal Oaks residents to public sewer. Mr. DeLena further stated that most Regal Oaks residents have small lots and failing septic systems.

Mr. Lebow of 168 Maple Leaf Road stated that PADEP has placed the Township under a moratorium at the present with respect to their being new sewer connections.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Farmington West Project**

Mr. Hannum stated that there were five connections to be completed by November 25, 2008 or the Township will move forward and do these connections.

### **B. Proposed Capital Budget**

Mr. Hannum stated that different scenarios were being reviewed regarding a proposed capital budget. Items being considered include the repair of existing infrastructure over a 35 year period on a five-year cycle.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Joint Ad Hoc Committee meeting with the Borough**

Chairman Bealer stated that the Township and Borough Authority had been meeting once per month. Mr. Hannum added that there was a spirit of cooperation in these meetings.

Mr. DeLena thanked Mr. Hannum for their being no violations at the Regal Oaks Wastewater Treatment facility for the past three months.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. DeLena moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:20 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, December 22, 2008**