

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 29, 2009**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, David Crock and Edward O'Brien. Also in attendance were Mark Thompson, Cindy Thompson, Andy Olock, Christian Olock, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor, Chris Hannum, LTL Engineer and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [February 23, 2009]

Mr. O'Brien moved that the February 23, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Crock seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Reports

A. Flow Report(s)

The Committee had no comments regarding the March, April and May 2009 Flow Reports.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Thompson requested that the Committee review his request to tie into existing sewer pipe that is located on his property. Chairman Bealer requested that Mr. Hannum contact the Borough of Pottstown to determine if there was an existing EDU for this connection at this location (e.g., 1393 Farmington Avenue). It was agreed that Mr. Thompson would be contacted once it was determined whether an existing EDU was in place.

V. Updates

No Updates were provided.

VI. Old Business

A. Status of PENNVEST Program

1. Regal Oaks Pump Station Project

2. Farmington Avenue West Project

Mr. Garner reported that the Township had successfully closed on the PENNVEST loan on June 19, 2009. He stated that the PENNVEST loan was similar to a line of credit. He added that the estimated project costs were lower than the actual bids received to date. He further stated that the Township was awaiting the information on the status of the H2O grant application. He emphasized that the Township would benefit if Pottstown was able to procure H2O grant funding for the York/Beech Street construction effort. Mr. Garner also noted that the Township was the fifth PENNVEST loan to close in the

Commonwealth. He added that both the Regal Oaks Pump Station and Farmington Avenue West projects would be completed by July 2010.

VII. New Business

Request submitted by Andy Olock

Mr. Olock requested that the Township review and consider reducing the number of EDUs that he presently had designated for his commercial properties located in the Township. Mr. Olock stated that his tenants were good small businesses and that he did not wish to lose them. He added that he had an existing water well on site. Mr. Hannum stated that he would have to do a visual determination of this matter and if the usage amount is being correctly assessed then he would have to look at the meter. Mr. Hannum expressed concerns with lowering sewer rates due to the fact that 60% of the sewer bill pays for existing sewer debt. Mr. Olock emphasized that he was only looking forward to the basic sewer usage assessment being done fairly. It was noted that this matter would go to the Board of Commissioners for action if there was a determination that there would need to be an adjustment in the EDU usage and subsequent charges assessed to Mr. Olock.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Crock moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:04 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 5:00 P.M.
Monday, August 24, 2009**