

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2010**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Edward O'Brien, Michael HENZES and Jeffrey Nason. David Crock was absent. Also in attendance were Scott Wilson, Robert Smale, Don Young, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor, Chris Hannum, LTL Engineer, Frank Quinter, Public Works Director and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes [October 26, 2009]**

Mr. O'Brien moved that the October 26, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Nason seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Engineering Report**

The Committee reviewed the October, November and December 2009 Flow Reports. Mr. O'Brien noted that December was the wettest month of the year but showed a 10% reduction in flow. Mr. Hannum stated that the 2009 meter readings were getting more consistent. Mr. Quinter stated that the Poplar Street meter was improved and that Pottstown had calibrated its meters in November. Mr. Quinter stated that perhaps Pottstown should consider having other consulting firms to review their meters. Mr. O'Brien added that he would like to see something resolved whereby Upper Pottsgrove Township has some control of the situation. He added that reliability was an important factor and that this situation has gone on far too long. Chairman Bealer moved that the Sewer and Water Committee recommend that Mr. Hannum and Mr. Quinter review the sewer meters that are utilized in Upper Pottsgrove Township. Mr. HENZES seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**IV. Public Comment**

Mr. Smale, who resides at 2249 Bruce Drive, stated that although he presently has no problem with his existing septic system and has resided in the Township for over 30 years, he was interested as to when public sewer might be provided in his area. He added that he was interested in selling his home and has had a problem doing so because his septic system had not met certain approved standards. Mr. Hannum stated that Montgomery County certified septic systems.

Mr. Wilson inquired regarding the status of his request to have his sewer rates reduced for his commercial properties located at 875 and 871 Hanover. Mr. Layne stated that the Board of Commissioners would be considering the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 275 at their upcoming meeting. Mr. Garner

added that revisions to Chapter 275 had been submitted that would impact on Mr. Wilson's to provide meter service for his business locations.

**VI. Updates**

No Updates were provided.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Status of PENNVEST Program**

- 1. Regal Oaks Pump Station Project**
- 2. Farmington Avenue West Project**
- 3. H2O Program**

**1. Regal Oaks Pump Station Project:** Mr. Hannum reported that the first 600 feet of the Regal Oaks Pumping Station project had moved rather quickly while the second 600 feet had slowed slightly due to rock. He emphasized that April 1<sup>st</sup> was the critical date and deadline for the completion of this project. He further stated that the Gilbertsville line had been completed. Mr. Garner also emphasized that the Consent Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) stated that this project must be in compliance with the dates specified in the agreement.

**2. Farmington Avenue West Project:** Mr. Hannum stated that the Farmington Avenue West project was ahead of schedule at the present time. He added that the Phase V portion of this project denoting the 1,100 feet of pipe to be provided on Farmington Avenue would be done when the asphalt plants reopened. It was noted that the Pine Ford Road Pump Station needed to be upgraded. Mr. Quinter suggested that the Pump Station might need to be upgraded prior to having new customers connect to public sewer in that area.

**3. H2O Program:** Mr. Garner noted that although the initial project cost for the York/Beech Street project was \$2.2 million for Upper Pottsgrove Township it may now be closer to \$200K to \$300K due to H2O Grant funds awarded to Pottstown and Upper Pottsgrove for this project.

**VIII. New Business**

**A.** Mr. Garner and Mr. Hannum noted that they would be submitting additional revisions to Township sewer ordinances in the coming months.

**B.** It was noted that 118 EDU's might be needed for the proposed Commerce Corner development. Mr. Hannum stated that the developer would be connecting directly to the Borough. Mr. Hannum further stated that providing this development with sewer service would not impact negatively on the Township's existing sewer capacity

**C.** Mr. O'Brien emphasized the importance of establishing an approved 5 to 10 year capital plan for the Township.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Henzes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 P.M. Mr. Nason 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, March 22, 2010**