

**UPPER POTTSGROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Michael Henzes and Jeffrey Nason. Vice Chairman David Crock and Ed O'Brien were absent. Also in attendance were Keith Kehl, Frank Quinter, Public Works Director, 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 [May 23, 2011]**

Mr. Nason moved that the May 23, 2011 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Henzes seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Hannum reported on the status of the proposed Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that the Township has submitted to the Borough Authority. He stated that a number of factors were being reviewed to determine the source or sources of the inordinate high flow measurements that could lead to substantial over-capacity payment penalties that the Township may have to pay to the Borough. He emphasized that the Borough and the Township are working together to provide solutions to what are causing the high flows. Mr. Garner commented how the flow report data showed how since November 2010 the flow data has been significantly higher than it had been in previous years. He stated that meters are being closely examined and that the Township is considering the option to contract with a firm to provide new meters and meter maintenance support. He stated that the sewer infrastructure was being inspected and televised. He added that flow data was being carefully reviewed. He and Mr. Quinter commented on the inspections of the manhole covers and how some were in need of repair. He closed by stating that the Township would be meeting with the Borough to hopefully provide a mutually beneficial and cost effective resolution to this matter.

Mr. Hannum next reported on the 537 Plan. He stated that the Board of Township Commissioners had determined that the proposed On-Lot Management Program was not needed in the Township. He stated that the proposed sewer ordinance revisions were approved by the Township Commissioners.

Mr. Hannum provided an overview of miscellaneous items. He stated that the Remelius and Ingram drainage issues had been resolved. He stated that he would be meeting with Mr. Payne regarding the planting of grass on his easement and other related matters. He added that the contractor would be removing the sand mound from Mrs. Klinger's property. He further stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) had placed the Township as

being number 59 in-line to receive a 537 Reimbursement, which would not occur until 2013. Mr. Layne added that he had contacted Senator John Rafferty and Representative Thomas Quigley's offices regarding this matter and they were informed by PADEP representatives that the Township should receive its reimbursement in the fall of 2013 and that PADEP funds for this purpose would not be available until that time period.

**IV. New Business**

Mr. Quinter stated that manhole covers were being inspected in the Regal Oaks subdivision. Mr. Quinter stated that a large sink hole had been located near one of the manholes. Mr. Hannum stated that the pipe would be televised as an effort to better identify and resolve the I&I problems in this area.

Chairman Bealer asked about the status of the storm water issues in the Township. Mr. Quinter responded that the excessive rainfall had significantly exacerbated this problem.

**V. Updates**

No updates were provided.

**VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Kehl commented on a number of items, which included the following:

- That the piping at Regal Oaks be repaired
- That the Township resolve the matter regarding the collapse of the 200 year-old tree on his property that he stated collapsed due to the sewer infrastructure work that was done near the tree
- That he was threatened with Eminent Domain if he did not agree to sign the easement agreement proposed for the sewer infrastructure work on his property and that he would not have signed this agreement if Eminent Domain had not been mentioned
- He stated that the crown vetch had not been planted as proposed on his property. Mr. Hannum responded that the Township would provide pricing for the planting of crown vetch on Mr. Kehl's property.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Henges moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 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, November 28, 2011**