

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 23, 2012**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Michael HENZES and new member James Payne. Vice Chairman David Crock and Ed O'Brien were absent. Also in attendance were Michael Colby, Christopher Pelka, Township Engineer, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes [May 29, 2012]**

Mr. HENZES moved that the May 29, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Chairman Bealer seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Pelka provided the Engineer's Report. Highlights of his Report included the following:

- An update of the proposed Corrective Plan was provided. He discussed how the flow rate for 2011 was not typical and that the new meters are showing more of what is typical.
- He noted that the temporary meters are showing that the I&I focus should be on Farmington Avenue and that the Township would soon begin smoke testing and televising the sewer lines in this area.
- Mr. Pelka briefly explained the smoke testing process and how it is intended to show areas of possible leakage.
- Mr. Payne asked how effective this type of test was. Mr. Pelka responded that this test could definitely assist in identifying I&I.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the flow rate charts showed that there was a huge spike immediately after a heavy rain which appeared to indicate that there is more of an inflow as opposed to an infiltration problem.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the Farmington Avenue test area would be from Fujiyama's (e.g. Halfway House) to Wilson Street.
- Mr. Pelka stated that work on specified Regal Oaks manholes and lateral that will be repaired would be bid out by the Township. He stated that a pre-bid meeting would be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the temporary meters were finished.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the Turnberry meter readings were now 50,000 gpm as opposed to 80,000 gpm after they were recalibrated on July 12<sup>th</sup>. He added that the meter numbers now appear to be in a reasonable range but that a significant rainfall is needed to verify whether these numbers were accurate.

- Mr. Pelka stated that the proposed public sewer connection for 1859 Farmington Avenue was moving close to becoming a reality. It was noted that the successful effort of 1859 Farmington Avenue to connect public sewer might positively impact on other properties located in that area or a similar situation.
- Mr. Pelka stated that LTL Consultants recommended that an update of the Tapping Fee calculation be performed. Mr. Pelka noted that the possible cost for doing this calculation is estimated to be \$4,000. Following additional discussion on this matter, Mr. Henzes made a motion, which was seconded by Chairman Bealer, that the Township authorize LTL Consultants to perform an update and review of the Township's Tapping Fee calculation. The motion was approved.

**IV. Public Comment**

- Mr. Colby stated that he resided in Regal Oaks and that he was concerned with what was going on in the Regal Oaks area. He also stated that after a rain event that the ground area holds water and then completely dries up.

**V. Updates**

No updates were provided.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Flow Report – Corrective Action Plan (CAP)**

It was noted that these items were discussed under the Engineer's Report.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Miscellaneous**

- There was discussion on the report that was received from BCM by the Township.
- There was a consensus that flow reports and other pertinent information should be forwarded to Committee members when they were received.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Henzes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:54 P.M. Mr. Payne 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, September 24, 2012**