

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Ed O'Brien, Michael HENZES and James Payne. Vice Chairman David Crock was 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 5:05 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [July 23, 2012]

Mr. HENZES moved that the July 23, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Payne 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 Action Plan (CAP) was provided. He noted that the CAP had been submitted to the Pottstown Borough Authority in August and that a response from BCM Engineers had been received today. Their response requested an updated schedule for completion of Phase 1 actions and an outline and schedule for Phase 2 of the CAP.
- He noted that three bids were received for the Regal Oaks Manhole and Lateral Repair project and that the lowest bidder was Barrasso Excavation (Barrasso) at \$41,784. He added that Barrasso had been given a Notice to Proceed dated September 25, 2012 giving them 60 days to Substantial Completion.
- He noted that the Regal Oaks residents who had been contacted regarding sewer repairs needed to be contacted due to the delay in any repairs that they possibly might need to complete at a later date than the designated time frame in the letters that had been sent to them in the past. There was a general consensus that this process should be completed by the end of this year. Mr. Payne noted that there should be no recourse to any of the Regal Oaks residents regarding the September 28, 2012 sewer repair completion date that had been provided to the residents via previous Township correspondence.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the smoke testing process had been completed and noted that a report was provided by the Township regarding this endeavor. Mr. O'Brien questioned why smoke testing was done on Farmington Avenue and that the focus should be on the main trunk line. He further emphasized this point by recommending that the Township rent the proper

equipment to televise the main trunk line as opposed to waiting for the requested equipment to arrive and for the staff to be trained as to how to properly utilize this equipment. Following additional discussion regarding the televising of the main trunk sewer lines, Mr. O'Brien moved that a third party should be utilized for televising the Township's main sewer lines on Farmington Avenue. Mr. Henzes seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. O'Brien commented that other items may be flowing through some of the sewer pipes other than storm water. Mr. Payne stated that contaminants that are flowing through Township sewer pipes should be identified by the Borough of Pottstown. It was noted that manhole number 105 needed repairing and that Barrasso might be asked to repair this item as part of their new contract.

- He noted that the installation of the grinder pump and connection to the LPFM at the top of the hill at 1859 Farmington Avenue had been completed. Mr. Garner emphasized the fact that this project was initiated earlier this year and that no one would have predicted that it would have been completed by this date.
- The recent correspondence from BCM Engineers suggested that the Township repeat the metering of Phase 2. There was a consensus that this should not be done.
- He stated that LTL had begun work on reviewing the Tapping Fee calculation.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Updates

There were no additional updates 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

- Mr. Garner discussed the proposed completion of the Coddington View subdivision and how this proposal was impacted on by the Borough's present restriction for allowing the developer to build only 39 of the remaining 72 units until the water siphon issue is resolved between the Township and the Borough.
- Mr. O'Brien asked if the Sewer and Water Committee would be dealing with the storm water issues since this would quickly become a more significant and costly issue for municipalities in the coming months. There was a consensus that the Committee should be discussing this matter in greater detail at upcoming Committee meetings. Mr. O'Brien further stated that his agency was ramping

up their training with respect to storm water issues. Mr. Garner stated that this matter could be discussed at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.

- Mr. Henges expressed concern at the high arsenic levels in the water provided by the Superior Water Company.
- Mr. O'Brien expressed concern as to whether the old landfill off of Gilbertsville Road was leaking.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Payne moved that the next Sewer and Water Committee meeting would be rescheduled from November 26, 2012 to December 3, 2012. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Henges moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 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, December 3, 2012**