

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 22, 2013**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Michael HENZES and James Payne. Vice Chairman David Crock and Ed O'Brien were absent. Also in attendance were 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 28, 2013]

Mr. Payne moved that the May 28, 2013 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. HENZES seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

II. Reports

A. Engineer's Report

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

- Mr. Pelka noted that he had provided a letter to BCM Engineers on July 17, 2013 that updated them on the Township's progress with the Corrective Action Program. He added that the final Phase 2 CAP Report is due on August 2, 2013 and will include a schedule outlining Phase 3 actions. There was a brief discussion as to what the Phase 3 actions might consist of. Although it was acknowledged that Phase 3 activities were still being developed, it was suggested by Mr. Pelka that Phase 3 might include the procurement of multiple temporary meters and do a sump-pump survey of the Township. He added that the televising project might impact on Phase 3 as well.
- Cleaver Cable Construction has not yet returned to complete the laterals that were inaccessible. It was noted that the Township's Public Works Department were able to access some of the laterals that had been previously determined to be inaccessible. Mr. Pelka noted that the low groundwater level made conditions not favorable for Cleaver Cable Construction to return to provide televising services.
- It was noted that Mr. REHAB had repaired the two manholes that had been leaking. Mr. Layne added that the cost was \$2,850.00 for this service.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the N. Hanover Street Sewer Lining project had been advertised with the bids being due on August 7, 2013. He stated that there were currently nine plan holders. He added that no plan holders had attended the pre-bid meeting on July 22, 2013.

- Mr. Pelka noted that a letter had been sent to 1393 Farmington Avenue requesting that the residents repair a broken cleanout within 60 days but there had been no response as of yet from the residents.
- Mr. Pelka noted that the May and June Flow Reports were in reasonable expected ranges and that the lining project could provide significant reduction in I/I. Mr. Pelka pointed out how flow levels for May and June in 2013 were less or very close to the same levels as shown in 2012 even though the rainfall levels were substantially higher in May and June in 2013. Mr. Garner noted that the pipe at Coddington View had been televised but there were no significant findings.
- At the June 5, 2013 meeting with, Pottstown, Lower Pottsgrove, West Pottsgrove and Upper Pottsgrove LTL (e.g., Hyon Duk Shin, Engineer) challenged the need for a third clarifier (e.g., the budgeted amount was \$2.5 million) and was consequently authorized to perform a study on the topic. At the July 3, 2013 meeting Pottstown, Lower Pottsgrove, West Pottsgrove and Upper Pottsgrove, LTL alternatives to the third clarifier were discussed and as a result, the third clarifier project has been officially removed from the 2014 budget.

IV. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

V. Updates

- Chairman Bealer stated that the Township had rebuilt the pumps at the Holly Berry Pumping Station.
- Mr. Pelka noted that 1699 Farmington Avenue was for sale again but that the property has still not been connected to public sewer. The Committee requested that Mr. Layne contact the realtor to inform them that this property should be connected to public sewer.
- Mr. Garner stated that the Coddington View project is moving along fine. He stated that funding had been provided for Phase 1 and that there had been an agreement reached between Arcadia and the Borough with respect to the siphon sewer issue.
- Mr. Garner stated that the Township had paid off the funds owed to Rouse/Chamberlin for past sewer capital expenditures.

VI. Old Business

A. Flow Report, B. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) update, C. Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan review/update and the D. Televising Plan update

Items A. through D. were discussed under the Engineer's Report.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. HENZES moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:42 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 23, 2013**