

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2014**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Vice Chairman David Crock, Michael HENZES, Ed O'Brien and James Payne. Also in attendance were Township Engineer Christopher Pelka, Township Solicitor Charles Garner and Planning & Zoning Administrator Michelle Reddick. Commissioner Elwood Taylor was in the audience.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [November 25, 2013]

Mr. Ed O'Brien moved that the November 25, 2013 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Vice Chairman Crock 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 stated that the all months were within acceptable flow limits, but I & I is still present. He noted that the flow of records has unofficially dropped. In response to a question from Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Pelka said he used "unofficially" as Pottstown has not agreed or confirmed that the flows have dropped. In response to another question from Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Pelka advised that there is an Agreement the Township has with Pottstown. In response to another question from Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Pelka stated that we can predict the flows will drop based upon a history of the three month maximum flows since 2011. Solicitor Garner explained that the increased flows in 2011 were a result of a flow meter issue rather than amount of precipitation, and since the meters were calibrated, the history of flows has decreased significantly. He further explained that even though the flows have exceeded our allocation in the past, the Township does have 16 additional EDU's that we can use for small projects. In addition, the relationship with the Borough Authority has improved since the Township is moving forward with its Corrective Action Plan; therefore, if a project comes through, we should not have any issues purchasing additional capacity.
- Mr. Pelka stated that he has submitted a letter dated February 5, 2014 to Tom Weld outlining the timing of Phase 2 and Phase 3 items in the Corrective Action Plan.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the contract with Clever Cable Construction for televising of the laterals has been completed. However, there is one additional lateral which appears to exhibit heavy I and I, and Frank is to

investigate this further. In response to a question from Chairman Bealer, Commissioner Taylor advised that there were several laterals that could not be accessed, and the Township Commissioners decided to have Public Works Director Frank Quinter and his crew complete the televising of the laterals. In response to a question from Vice Chairman Crock, Mr. Taylor advised this decision was based upon costs. The Township can save money by having the Public Works Department finish the televising.

- Mr. Pelka stated that construction to the broken trap at 1393 Farmington Avenue will occur when favorable conditions are present. He also stated that I & I was observed in the riser pipe.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the Township received a credit for a 2013 overpayment for the sewer flows at the Porter Road Pump Station due to an error with the meter.
- Mr. Pelka stated that on June 2, 2011, the Township submitted for reimbursement of \$54,620.92 for the Act 537 Plan; however, this money has still not been provided. Mr. Pelka explained that fifty percent reimbursement is typically allowed, and the new plan may allow for payment to be made in 2014.

IV. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

V. Updates

Commissioner Taylor advised that under the new MS4 Storm Water Project, the Township must map storm water flows, and the Public Works Department along with LTL have already started working on this project.

VI. Old Business

A. **Additional EDU Purchase from the Borough Authority** – this item was discussed under the Engineer’s Report.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Payne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:28 P.M. Mr. Henzes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Reddick
Planning & Zoning Administrator

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 P.M.,
Monday, May 26, 2014**