

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 27, 2014

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Vice Chairman David Crock and Michael Henzes. Also in attendance were Township Engineer Christopher Pelka and Manager, Carol R. Lewis.

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by D. Crock second by M. Henzes and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of March 24, 2013 as presented.

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

- The flow report was reviewed. I/I activities have made a positive impact into the flows.
- C. Pelka submitted a report to Tom Weld outlining the activities undertaken in respects to the Corrective Action Plan. The lining of Farmington Ave. still needs to be done. The flow of record has officially dropped and will drop again in December. They discussed how the averages are calculated. M. Henzes stated he would like to avoid purchasing additional capacity if possible. C. Pelka advised him they are looking at removing some of the planning modules. C. Pelka feels that part of the initial problem was a malfunctioning meter and so he reviews the flows at least once a week.
- The Township has contracted with Pipe Data View Service to televise the remaining 102 laterals along Farmington Ave. Some of these are repeats of suspicious laterals. C. Pelka has requested that testing be done during high ground water conditions if possible. M. Henzes suggested that residents be advised that emptying your sump pump into the sewer increases their cost be put into the newsletter regularly.
- The reimbursement of \$54,620.92 for the Act 537 Plan that was applied for was denied at this time. This project was deemed too old under the new program and the old program still has no funding.
- The Hanover Street Siphon Project was done as part of Coddington View. There was an agreement between Upper Pottsgrove, Arcadia and Pottstown Borough to complete the project which consisted of an enlargement of a pipe in Pottstown to accommodate more flows and allow for additional capacity. There was a significant cost overrun of which C. Pelka is trying to determine the source.
- On October 21, 2014 JMT issued their final report analyzing the Pottstown Borough's treatment plant operations and infrastructure and collection systems, including the contributing municipalities. C. Pelka pointed out that there are no provisions in the current agreement to allow for extreme weather conditions. Motion by J. Bealer second by D. Crock and unanimously carried the Upper Pottsgrove Township continues to cooperate with the contributing municipalities to analyze the report. C. Pelka advised the Board that relationships have improved and they all meet once a month at various locations to discuss Pottstown Borough Authority activities. It was felt that there needs to be some peer review in regards to proposed projects.

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Public Comment - There was no Public Comment.

Updates – There were no updates.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business – Budget – C. Lewis advised that a preliminary budget was presented to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on October 20, 2014. There are no projected rate increases at this time nor were any major projects being budgeted for.

Adjournment – Motion by S. Crock second by M. Henzes and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on
Monday, November 24, 2014.**