

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

September 26, 2016

The Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer and Water Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Vice Chairman David Crock and Don Read. Also in attendance were Engineer Christopher Pelka and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis. Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BARBARA WALTERS - 614 Mock Road – Would like to review the system that they are putting in. John Dudish from Penn’s Trail Environmental was along to explain the system. They will be installing a small flow treatment system with storm discharge. There is no stream nearby so the discharge will go into a swale which goes to Swamp Creek. They will need to notify all property owners of perennial stream conditions which is determined by DEP. They are coordinating all information to submit to the County, then the Township and then DEP. It is a very passive simple system. It is septic followed by media filter system. The affluent meets swimming pool quality when it comes out; with UV it will also meet drinking water standards. D. Read advised that half of the swale is underground. It was explained that it is equipped to handle 2,000 gallons per day. Act 537 plans for 400 gallons per day for a three bedroom house. This property won’t even meet those standards. J. Dudish explained that the filter lasts fifteen years depending on water use. Replacement is around \$2,000. The system must be inspected annually and comes with a five year warranty. It is a double tank septic. This system is also applicable to sites that would support a sand mound. The current system at 614 Mock Road is not failing to the surface but will not pass inspection for the lenders. J. Bealer advised them that he is interested in seeing the system go in. There are problems in different areas that are looking for solutions. Act 537 does not define malfunction.

Reports – Flow Report - C. Pelka presented the Engineer’s report. He advised that the Sprogel’s Run sewer is still a ways off. They need shop drawings and a meeting with Montgomery County Conservation District. For the PA Small Sewer and Water Program the Township will be submitting two grant applications. For the Flow Report – flows have been low. Mark Flanders and Tom Weld verbally indicated that the February 2016 overage will not result in a penalty but any future overages will.

NEW BUSINESS

1865 FARMINGTON AVENUE CONNECTION REQUEST – This property is located one house down from Mark Fair and is contemplating a sewer connection. Per the Agreement, Fair is entitled to reimbursement as permitted under State law. A cap stub for extension has been provided. The Board discussed the Agreement. They’re not sure what reference to State law is. There will be work in the existing right of way and a new Agreement would be needed for that portion of it. The applicants should know that sewer is available but the process will be onerous.

MINUTES – Motion by D. Read, seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016, meeting as presented. The March minutes were tabled.

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BOARD COMMENTS

D. Read commented with all the potential failing systems in the township, we should do anything we can to help these people. He advised that the ditch on Mock Road needs maintenance. A reminder to the Board that they will be meeting the first Monday of every other month going forward.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by J. Bealer, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager