

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

January 3, 2017

The Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer and Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer and Don Read. Also present were Engineer Chris Pelka and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis. Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment

614 Mock Road - Russel Oister, 590 Jays Lane - Referenced correspondence with regards to the proposed treatment facility for the property located at 614 Mock Road. The property owner is proposing to install a small flow treatment system that will discharge to a roadside ditch. There is no public sewer nearby and they do not have enough room to put in another system far enough from their well and their soils are not good. R. Oister expressed concern that the proposed treatment facility will discharge effluent from the Mock Road property into a New Hanover Township storm water pipe which discharges into a dry creek running through his property. He is concerned that livestock could be impacted. R. Oister stated that there is a difference between a road side ditch and a ditch that bisects his property. The Board explained that the quality of the discharge is better than any conventional system and is swimming pool quality. R. Oister responded that may be true if the system is maintained the way it is supposed to be. The New Hanover sewer has to test their system every week but private property owners do not have this requirement. C. Pelka explained that any person can call and report a problem as soon as they see or smell anything. R. Oister responded that this type of system is not available to him; he is required to tie into the public sewer system. He feels that any discharge should stay in Upper Pottsgrove Township. D. Read explained that all the lots in that area are small including the Bruce Drive area. They discussed the impact of livestock waste which lies on the ground as opposed to a discharge system. R. Oister asked if the system filters out medications that his livestock would eat.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by J. Bealer, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes as presented.

Engineers Report:

Pans – The Board asked that a report be included on the number of pans installed. C. Pelka advised that Frank did recently purchase an agent to remove the grease from the pump stations and it is working well. C. Lewis added that it is very cost effective.

Flow Reports - C. Pelka reported that 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.

Sprogel's Run – Nothing new. C. Pelka explained that it could get to a point where Cross Roads is going in before Sprogel's Run. The applicants will have to work that out between themselves.

171 Hanover Drive - Aqua cold patched the area and will do a permanent patch in the spring.

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Mock Road - C. Pelka explained that everybody's water goes into that creek. The Board asked that Penn Environmental attend the next meeting for an update on the project. C. Lewis will contact New Hanover to see if there is a possibility of public sewer in that area. D. Read asked if the Township had considered filling in the roadside ditches with rock to help prevent the buildup of leaves and debris. Some ditches in that area are very deep.

NEW BUSINESS

58 Mapleleaf Lane – Manhole R8B would be where they could connect. C Pelka explained that C01 is a four (4) inch pipe going into that property. He doesn't think they would want to go into that especially given the potential for properties across the street to connect. 67 is not connected but 63 is through the back. 64 is also not connected. The plan for Regal Oaks was to extend to Gilbertsville Road. They would need two manholes to get around the bend and connect R8B. This would be an eight (8) inch line. R8B is not a conventional manhole and they may want to have it repaired. They discussed alternate possibilities for hooking up this property but none of them are very good. C. Pelka will get cost estimates for the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Adjournment - Motion by J. Bealer, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager