

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer & Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer and Don Read. Also present were Township Engineer Christopher Pelka, Manager Carol R. Lewis, Barbara Walters and John Dudash from Penn Trails Environmental.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**614 Mock Road Planning Module and O&M Agreement** – Chris Pelka reported that everything seems to be here but there was a question regarding the lack of escrow. Barbara Walters explained that the system is tested quarterly for the first year and yearly thereafter. The water is drinkable. They do not feel that it is any different than other people who have an on lot system. C. Pelka agreed. J. Dudash explained that the responsibilities are the same for the property owner to maintain the system. It is enforceable through the Montgomery County Health Department and DEP. The original document was drafted by DEP for municipalities that don't have County enforcement. Old systems were much more cumbersome. Due to the simplicity of the system and the quality of the effluent they are becoming more popular which DEP is starting to recognize. D. Read asked if there is an alarm if something goes wrong. Motion by D. Read seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they approve the Planning Module and O&M Agreement to be sent to DEP. B. Walters asked if the process would be smoother for others since she has gone through it. It was explained that other applicants still need to go through the same process with DEP that she has. She asked in the future if meetings were cancelled that the website be posted immediately. The last one was not and Jack came for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2017** – Motion by D. Read seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 2, 2017, as presented.

**Engineer's Report** – C. Pelka reported that flows are going down even with the number of EDU's being added to the system. He will be coming out to look at the Farmington meter again.

**Sprogel's Run** – The on-site pre-construction meeting was held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Work has begun. Blasting occurred on off-site improvements on Thursday, June 29, 2017. The Board discussed the extra excavation being required. Mingey hopes to get a model home up as soon as possible. The off-site sewer improvements still need to be tested after which time the farmette can be connected. They discussed site distance on the curve.

**DVDC Development** - This will go in adjacent to Sprogel's Run. Design plans are in the review stage for 49 townhomes.

**North Hanover Street Lining Project** – Bids were received. The total estimate was for \$100,000 and the grant is for \$85,000. The lowest bidder did not verify the addendum but the Township Solicitor feels that the lack of addendum acknowledgement is not a disqualifier and the contract can be awarded to them. It has no monetary impact. Motion by D. Read seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they

award the contract to Insituform per the Engineer's recommendation. The Board discussed extra work on Hanover Drive for an extra 100 feet.

**702 Evans Road** – The potential grinder pump connection from Douglass Township in Berks County. The Board discussed the route and what agreements might be needed to make this possible. There was concern that not only was it in another township but another county.

**58 Mapleleaf Lane** – Doli has completed the majority of the work. The Board reviewed payment Application #1 for approval at the Board of Commissioners meeting. The overage was mainly due to how bad the existing road was and needed base repair. There were some traffic control concerns during the project. Motion by D. Read seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they approve Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$155,339.96.

**New Business:**

**Collection Policy Request** – Pottstown Borough has requested that the Township amend its policy to coincide with theirs. Currently a threshold amount does not go to collections until they are over a certain dollar amount. They are requesting that if an account is already at Portnoff they can send additional amounts even if it is not over the threshold. Customers would still be able to pay on their current sewer bill but if they do not it would get sent to collections immediately instead of waiting for the \$400 threshold. The Board discussed that if someone is in a bad situation they try to help whenever possible but this is a reasonable request. C. Lewis will send out a memo to the Borough and Michelle Reddick advising them.

**Adjournment** – Motion by D. Read seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager