

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2009**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Edward O'Brien, Michael Henzes and Jeffrey Nason. David Crock was absent. Also in attendance were Vincent Boughton, Kathy Boughton, Scott Wilson, Keith Kehl, Elwood Taylor, Russell Noll, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor, Chris Hannum, LTL Engineer and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes [June 29, 2009]

Chairman Bealer moved that the June 29, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. O'Brien seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Introduction of New Committee Members

Chairman Bealer welcomed and introduced Michael Henzes and Jeffrey Nason as two new Committee Members.

IV. Reports

A. Flow Report(s)

The Committee reviewed the June and July 2009 Flow Reports. Mr. Hannum stated that he was surprised by the level of consistency in these Reports for 2009. He added that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Public Works Department had provided a concerted effort to insure that Township meters remain operational.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Thompson of 1737 Farmington Avenue inquired as to what was the construction time frame for the Farmington Avenue West Phase II Project. Mr. Hannum stated that we should have a schedule from the contractor within two to three weeks. He added that even though he is not mandated to connect to public sewer because he is located more than 150 feet from the right-of-way he would still like to have the lateral provided. Mr. Hannum stated that he would notify the contractor as to where to place the lateral connection.

Mr. Wilson of 871 and 875 N. Hanover Street requested that the Township not charge him a flat rate for sewer but instead utilize a meter for providing charges. He stated that his sewer charges were 96% more than his water charges and felt that this was unfair. He added that he had recently met with Mr. Hannum and Mr. Layne at his location regarding this matter and he knows that this request was being reviewed. Mr. Hannum acknowledged that there could be a reduction of 3 to 2 EDUs at one of his properties but that the property with 6 uses will have 6 EDUs. Mr. Wilson emphasized that the property with 6 EDUs had very little

water usage. Mr. Hannum stated that existing Township sewer ordinances restrict what could be done with respect to Mr. Wilson's request. Mr. Garner added that the Andrew Olock recent request for EDU reduction was not the same as Mr. Wilson's request. Mr. O'Brien then moved that the Sewer and Water Committee recommend to the Township Board of Commissioners that there should be a reduction from 3 to 2 in the number of EDUs designated for 875 N. Hanover Street. Mr. Henzes seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Kehl expressed his concern with water going onto his field as a result of the existing construction endeavor. He also stated that he felt that he was asked to hook up to public sewer under false pretenses. He added that he was told that he was mandated to hook into public sewer when he really did not have to do so.

VI. Updates

No Updates were provided.

VII. Old Business

A. Status of PENNVEST Program

1. Regal Oaks Pump Station Project

2. Farmington Avenue West Project

Mr. Garner reported that the Township had successfully closed on the PENNVEST loan for both the Regal Oaks Pumping Station and Farmington Avenue West Phase II projects. He stated that the amounts awarded were \$5,028,000 for the PENNVEST Program and \$389,221 for the H2O Program. He added that Township would receive additional indirect funding support totaling over \$300,000 due to the Pottstown H2O funding award for the York/Beech Street project.

Mr. Hannum stated that the Contractor on the Regal Oaks Pumping Station Project had installed approximately 2,100 feet of 5,700 feet of Force Main for this endeavor.

Mr. Hannum stated that a schedule had not been provided by the Contractor for the Farmington Avenue West Project

Mr. Hannum stated that the Regal Oaks project would be completed by June 2010 and the Farmington Avenue West Project by July or August 2010. He further noted that N. Abbonizzio Contractors, Inc. was the Mechanical Contractor on the Regal Oaks Project and Pedrick Sitework Contractors was the Mechanical Contractor on the Farmington Avenue West Project, while Barry J. Hoffman Co., Inc. was the Electrical Contractor on both projects.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Garner stated that perhaps the Committee could review the Township's sewer ordinances to determine if revisions might be appropriate. Following a brief discussion regarding this matter, there was a consensus that the Committee should review Township sewer ordinances and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Nason moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:54 P.M. Mr. Henzes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 P.M.
Monday, October 26, 2009**