

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

May 26, 2015

The Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer and Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 5:00 PM. Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Vice Chairman David Crock and Don Read. Also in attendance were Township Engineer Christopher Pelka, Manager, Carol R. Lewis and Township Solicitor Charles D. Garner, Jr.

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes – A motion by D. Crock, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 26, 2015, as presented.

Reports – Flow Report - C. Pelka reported that the flows are back to normal. Nothing has been received from Pottstown Borough Authority regarding the March overages. Residents on Farmington Avenue are supposed to be fixing their I & I. C. Pelka will be getting prices on temporary meters as he thinks that is the best way to identify where a given problem might be. The Board discussed options for identifying flows during a storm. They discussed the capacity that the different organizations have and whether everyone is being treated the same under the Agreement. They discussed whether it was advantageous to purchase rather than rent the meters. C. Pelka explained that the meters are very expensive and so it might not be.

Brodie, 955 North Hanover Street – C. Pelka reported that they have approved the reduction to 11 EDUs. Mrs. Brodie had also requested to be put on the water meter method. Ordinance #440 precludes this as this option is available to those properties that are exclusively commercial or industrial. The Board discussed ways in which the Ordinance could possibly be amended. C. Garner pointed out that it is important to treat all customers the same. A motion by D. Crock, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried, to suggest that no changes to the ordinance be made at this time.

Mingey, 1441 Laura Lane – This property is currently at 1 EDU but should be 3 EDUs per the Ordinance. C. Pelka recommends 2 EDUs but it also needs an ordinance revision as the current limit 3500 square feet per user. The Board discussed where that number came from and the different ways they could come up with a number of EDUs for a commercial use. Another option would be to go by the number of employees but this could get complicated as the usage and the number of employees could change. C. Pelka reported that the usage is very low but they do not qualify for the water meter method. A motion by J. Bealer, seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried, to recommend that 2 EDUs be applied to the building.

Updates – C. Lewis reported that the Board of Commissioners would be reviewing the budget in June and the Regal Oaks project is coming up in the next few years. They may be considering budgeting for the engineering for 2015 with the work to be done in 2016 or 2017. D. Read interjected that it may be advantageous at this time due to the very low interest rates. There is not however a lot of grant funding available. D. Crock reported a manhole at the Halfway House toward Pineford Road that makes click clack noises when you roll over it. C. Lewis stated she would pass this onto the Public Works Director.

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Adjournment - A motion by D. Crock seconded by D. Read and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager

The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015