

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

March 7, 2017

The Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer and Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 5:00 PM. Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Don Read and David Crock. Also present were Township Engineer Christopher Pelka and Manager Carol R. Lewis.

Approval of Minutes – **January 3, 2017** – Motion by D. Read second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented. D. Crock abstained as he was not present.

Engineer's Report – C. Pelka presented the flow report. It has been kind of a dry year but the flows are looking pretty good. **Sprogel's Run** – C. Pelka explained that the equipment is on site, they are cleaning the site and installing the silt sock and construction entrances. They are expecting to cross the stream this week possibly. The Montgomery County Conservation District has been monitoring the project very closely. **PA Small Water Program** – The application was submitted for the North Hanover Lining. Grant recipients supposedly will be announced at the March 29 CFA meeting. **58 Mapleleaf Lane** - The project has been advertised. Addendum to be issued on Thursday, March 9 with the bid opening at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16th. C. Pelka did explain that the curb may be affected when they install the sewer line since it is so close to that side of the road. They will ask the contractor to use rubber mats to try and protect it but it may have to be replaced. Right now curbing is estimated at \$10/per foot which would come out to approximately \$10,000 which is about the amount of the contingency in the contract. **2058 Mimosa Lane** – Two cost estimates were received from Bartman's and Barrasso. The quote from Bartman's was almost half the quote from Barrasso. Motion by D. Crock second by D. Read and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they accept the Bartman quote to install a sewer lateral on Mimosa Lane for the price of \$4,877.96. C. Pelka explained that they will core into the manhole at five (5) feet instead of connecting at the fifteen (15) foot depth. **140 Mangers Mill Road** - There has been a request for an EDU. This project will include a private installation of approximately 400' in the right of way passing in front of two (2) existing homes connecting to an existing manhole. The property owner plans to pay for the installation and will dedicate the system to the township. They will need a grinder pump and it will be a 1 ½ inch line. The Board discussed whether or not to require the two additional properties to hook up once it is installed and owned by the township. Motion by D. Crock second by D. Read and unanimously carried to grant an EDU for the project. C. Lewis will send letters out to the two additional properties advising them of the upcoming project and the ability to hook up in the future. **PBA New Dryer** – This project was first mentioned at the February 2017 Pottsgrove's meeting. Expected cost is \$3,424,000 with an expected annual operating expenses of \$630,000. The expected contributions from Upper Pottsgrove Township are \$88,969 in 2017 and \$41,143 in 2018. At the last Pottsgrove's meeting on March 2, it was suggested that the project would be pushed to 2018. The Board asked if costs could be spread out over five years since that is the estimated return on investment.

NEW BUSINESS

Line Maintenance – Public Works Director, F. Quinter is recommending that we clean 13,500 feet of sanitary lines. Two estimates were received ~ Pipe Data View Services was the lowest at \$4,500. Motion by D. Read second by D. Crock and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they approve the contract with Pipe Data View Services.

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Pottstown Borough Authority Request – C. Lewis explained that the Pottstown Borough Authority has asked Upper Pottsgrove Township to change our collection policy to mirror theirs. Currently we send accounts to Portnoff once they are at \$400 while the Borough sends them if they are over \$200. Also the Borough no longer accepts payments at the Borough if there are amounts due at Portnoff. We do accept payments on current sewer bills even if there are monies at Portnoff. West Pottsgrove currently adheres to the same policy as the Borough. The Board discussed the fact that they do not have many delinquent accounts and very few businesses are landlords compared to Pottstown. They are happy with the rate of collections at this time and do not want to change their policies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Crock asked if the Township could be more cognizant of cleaning off storm drains especially before a major rain event. He currently cleans his off but there are some that do not get cleaned. During one of his walks in Lower Pottsgrove he noticed that they paint white marks on the road showing where storm drains are so they know where to clean them. C. Lewis asked if the Board would want to consider advertising their meeting dates monthly and if there is not enough business they would cancel every other month's meeting. She explained that the request for the EDU for 140 Mangers Mill Road came in two days after the last sewer meeting and they had to wait two months for approval. J. Bealer said they would take it under consideration. .

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by J. Bealer, seconded by D. Crock and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager