

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer & Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer and Don Read. Also present was Township Engineer Christopher Pelka and Township Manager Michelle Reddick.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by D. Read, second by J Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 7, 2019 as presented.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – C. Pelka presented the engineer's report.

Flow Reports – Limit is 608,600 gpd. See attached. April flow was 319,573. May flow was 390,678. June flow was 305,653.

Poplar Meter – The downstream sag is scheduled for repaired within the upcoming months by PBA. Still recommend lateral TV and sump pump inquiry.

Sprogel's Run (Mingey/Keystone development) – Phase 2 sanitary needs testing. Approximately 20 homes connected to date.

DVDC Development (old Crossroads) – Only televising needed.

84 Maple Leaf – Lateral Video indicates a 30' sag in the lateral on the property. Combined with previous sewer main video showing heavy flow into main, recommendation is for property owner to replace lateral. Michelle agreed to send notification to resident to repair and/or replace lateral.

1676 Gilbertsville Road – Connection via grinder pump to be installed soon.

1560 Gilbertsville Road – Single 6" saddle connection to existing gravity main in Gilbertsville Road completed (splits to 2 – 4" lines at ROW). Note that the existing MH downhill from the connection point contains a previously unknown pipe from Maugers Mill Development direction. Concrete beneath pipe appeared well worn from water flow. Recommend further investigation.

Regal Oaks IIA – Need sewer easements and property disturbance permission for Gilbertsville Road portion; also need grinder pump agreements. Earliest construction could begin is November.

Kummerer Age Restricted Development – Phase 1 plans presented for 145 EDU. Will require an upsized impeller at the Pine Ford Road PS (from 13.4375" to 14"). If Phase 2 proceeds (additional 135 EDU), would require and upsized FM from Pine Ford Road PS to Farmington Ave (from 5" to 6"). All costs would be borne by developer.

PFM – Potential sale of UPT sewer system. Process is ongoing.

Summer Grove – Grinder pump problems on Autumnview Lane. LTL first notified on Friday 7/19/19. On Thursday 8/1/19, attempted to pump into existing high point on Spring Hill Lane – line filled

completely to 25' above discharge elevation. Further pumping into line was not possible, indicating no leaks in the line. Clog/blockage cleared from unusual fittings at discharge MH on Fallbrook Lane.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION CONCERNING RQUEST FOR PUBLIC SEWER TO CONTINENTAL DRIVE -

J. Bealer advised this area is identified in the Act 537 Plan; however, no engineering for sewer in this area has been completed. The members agreed to discuss with the Board of Commissioners to see how they would like to proceed with this request.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SEWER CAPACITY – C. Pelka advised there is no immediate need at this time and suggested tabling this matter.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SEWER EDU AT 1873 FARMINGTON AVENUE – Mr. and Mrs. Costira were present in the audience to answer any questions. C. Pelka advised the owner would need to sign a Professional Services Agreement and post an escrow so that he could review the engineered plans for the connection. Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners they grant a sewer EDU for 1873 Farmington Avenue. In response to a question from D. Read, C. Pelka advised the connection would require a grinder pump.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SEWER EDU AT 171 WEST MOYER ROAD – Patricia Haas, Power of Attorney for property owner Anne Krepshaw, and realtor Kathy Kolarz were present to answer any questions. C. Pelka advised the property owners would need to hire an engineer to develop a plan to show how the property would be connected to public sewer. He further advised there is sewer along W. Moyer Road in front of Sprogel's Run development and also within the Sprogel's Run development. He noted if they propose to tie into the sewer within the Sprogel's Run development, they would need to obtain easements to cross private property. He further noted their engineer could assist them with determining if the connection to public sewer is feasible. Kathy Kolarz, realtor for the property at 171 W. Moyer Road, reiterated the two ways to possibly connect to public sewer as reviewed by C. Pelka to make sure her understanding was correct. Motion by D. Read, seconded by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Commissioners they grant a sewer EDU for 171 W. Moyer Road. D. Read advised he would prefer to see a sketch of the plan before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Michele Birch, 173 Rose Valley Road, referenced the engineer's report and asked for clarification if the November construction is related to the Regal Oaks Phase IIA sewer project. C. Pelka advised that yes, the earliest the construction would start is November/

James Crawford, 1115 Autumnview Lane, asked whether there were any findings during the testing of the sewer line related to sewer issues that occurred on Autumnview Lane. J. Bealer advised the township hired a contractor to clean and inspect the low pressure force main at two different locations on Springhill Lane and Fallbrook Lane. He further advised there was a significant clog in the line at the corner of Cloverhill Road and Fallbrook Lane which was caused by flushable wipes. He noted the clog was removed and the line is now flowing and operation per its design.

Steven Brice, 1101 Autumnview Lane, requested a better protocol be put in place for future sewer issues.

Gerald Raynor, 1100 Autumnview Lane, questioned whether the issues that occurred on Autumnview Lane could be related to the clog that was found when the testing was completed. M. Reddick advised the issues on Autumnview Lane involved check valves on grinder pumps and sewer later issues. She further advised there is no evidence to determine whether the blockage caused the malfunction of grinder pumps on the individual properties on Autumnview Lane.

James Crawford, 1115 Autumnview Lane, advised there are no check valves installed at the curb stop and no backflow preventers installed on the grinder pumps. He further advised the sewer pipes were not the correct grade and were glued together.

Ashley Moyer, 179 Rose Valley Road, expressed concern that if construction of the Regal Oaks Phase IIA project could take 2-3 months and may not start until November, they would be required to hook up in the winter months and questioned whether an extension would be granted for sewer hook-ups. C. Pelka advised contractors are extremely busy and the Township would consider providing the contractor more than 2-3 months to complete construction depending upon when the bid is awarded and also to try to obtain a lower price. In response to a question from J. Bealer, those residents in attendance at the meeting which are affected by the Regal Oaks Phase IIA sewer project, all agreed they would not object if the project did not start until the spring of 2020. In response to a question from Ashely Moyer, M. Reddick advised the Township would not lose the grant for this project as it is good until 2021.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – D. Read asked the township to institute a better protocol where we have these issues so action can be taken sooner. M. Reddick advised additional protocols have been put in place. She further advised the residents can certainly contact our Public Works Director Justin Bean on his township cell phone and agreed to provide Justin and her township cell phone numbers to residents at the conclusion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle L. Reddick, Township Manager