

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer & Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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 August 6, 2019 as presented.

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

Flow Reports – Limit is 608,600 gpd. See attached. July flow was 374,379. August flow was 218,823 – 3rd lowest since 2009.

84 Maple Leaf – After receipt of letter to repair, property owner indicated she would not comply. Although, a plumber was on-site and called to discuss. Members agreed there was no need to pressure the homeowner as it seems they are moving forward with repairs.

171 West Moyer – Plans have been received for connection to recently installed Sprogels Run MH6. Grinder pump with 1 ¼" HDPE proposed on property - OK. If size of HDPE in ROW is made larger (3") to accommodate future connections, then velocity is too low now with only 1 connection to maintain scour velocity = 2 ft/s and prevent clogging. Recommend not accepting dedication until UPT is ready to connect remainder of Ming/Moyer. Then compensate property owner and utilize 3" line. There was a concern expressed about who would mark the sewer line if the sewer line remains private. D. Read expressed concern regarding the ongoing maintenance issues if the Township accepts the line. C. Pelka explained they could install a ¼ inch line inside a 3 inch line which then the ¼ inch line could be removed when other properties connect. D. Read suggested a 3 inch line with dedication and some type of maintenance from owner. C. Pelka suggested no compensation for dedication of line with the Township maintaining responsibility and a release of claims from owner is a clog occurs in the line.

Regal Oaks IIA – Need sewer easements and property disturbance permission for Gilbertsville Road portion and also grinder pump agreements. Earliest construction could begin is January. In response to a question from Michelle Birch, 173 Rose Valley Road, C. Pelka advised that one grinder pump agreement would not stop the project from moving forward. In response to a question from Daniel Luke, 173 Mapleleaf Lane, he was advised his property is not included in this project.

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.

Since project area is included in 537 Plan Sewer Service Area, a Sewage Planning Module Exemption is viable. Yet, Pottstown Borough Authority has declined to sign, indicating UPT must complete a Corrective Action Plan since the Flow of Record is greater than 93% of purchased capacity.

Corrective Action Plan – Draft submitted for approval. C. Pelka advised there are currently three (3) manholes in need of repair and a storm water issue at the Pineford Road pump station.

Purchase of Additional Capacity for Kummerer – 39,000 gpd requested. PBA must approve an extension to the capacity purchase agreement first, upon which 167,800 will be available for purchase. Purchase would be made upon Kummerer plan approval.

PFM – Potential sale of UPT sewer system. Process is ongoing. In response to a question from Michelle Birch, 173 Rose Valley Road, J. Bealer advised the Township is contemplating lowering annual sewer rates prior to the sale, and then the rates would be frozen for at least two (2) years. However, the details have not been finalized.

PA Small Sewer and Water Program – Grants provided for sewer projects between \$30,000 and \$500,000. Applications due December 13. Estimates from 2018 were \$380,000 for ROIIB and \$475,000 for Ming/Moyer.

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF EDUS FOR KUMMERER PARCEL – In response to a question from Bo Erixson of Artisan Construction Group, C. Pelka advised the Township’s current purchased capacity is 608,600 gallons. However, there is an agreement to purchase additional capacity of 167,800 gallons.

2020 DRAFT BUDGET – M. Reddick presented the draft budget for 2020 for the Sewer Fund. She advised there were only 3 quarters of sewer rental fees included in the user fees line item of the budget. She explained this was done as the Township is contemplating the sale of the sewer system. Members agreed we should include all four (4) quarters since the sale of the sewer system most likely will not be completed in 2020. She also advised that the expenditures for the Pottstown Municipal Authority have been reduced to \$25,000 based upon the budget received from the Borough. The members agreed the draft budget as presented is acceptable with the one change to the user fees as discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER CONNECTION AT 171 W. MOYER ROAD – This matter was discussed during the engineer’s report.

REGAL OAKS PHASE IIA SEWER PROJECT UPDATE – This matter was reported on earlier on the agenda during the engineer’s report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle L. Reddick, Township Manager