

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer and Don Read. Also present were 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 October 1, 2019 as presented. Motion by D. Read, second by J Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020 as presented

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

Flow Reports – Limit is 608,600 gpd. January flow was 397,810.

Regal Oaks IIA – Bids received \$537,400 by Doli. Actual field work anticipated to begin in mid-May.

Chapter 94 Questionnaire – Completed and sent to PBA.

Sprogels Run – Sanitary punchlist mostly complete.

Purchase of Additional Capacity – 21 EDU available still from purchase of 40 EDU

- Kummerer – 145 EDU = 39,000 gpd?
- Willow Street - 7 to 9 EDU?
- ROIIA and Gilbertsville – 30 EDU
- Ming Moyer – 30 EDU

PFM – Potential sale of UPT sewer system. Bids from Aqua and PA American due on 3/16/20.

PA Small Sewer and Water Program – Grant for Ming/Moyer submitted. Announcement expect in July.

OLD BUSINESS

REGAL OAKS PHASE IIA SEWER PROJECT UPDATE – The field work is to start mid-May. C. Pelka urged residents to contact a plumber, who should be licensed, to recommend where the lateral should come onto their property and then put a stake at that location for the contractor. The township will inform residents of such. If the plumber has any questions, the plumber may contact Chris Pelka directly at (610) 987-9290; cpelka@Itlconsultants.com. The contractor will extend the lateral pipe ten feet beyond the curb onto the property. The project will not be affected by the sale of the sewer system. Which street the contractor will be starting on is not known at the present time. Residents may choose any plumber as long as he or she is licensed. C. Pelka has spoken with most of the residents needing a grinder pump as to the location of the pump on the property. The grinder pump tank will hold up to 50 gallons of sewage and then the float will trigger to send it out. You may spray air freshener inside and hose it down every month to lesson any odor that may occur. The top is covered and bolted down. If

the plumber has any questions, again, the plumber may contact Chris Pelka directly at (610) 987-9290; cpelka@ltlconsultants.com. Grinder pumps will be installed towards the end of the project. Doli has until July 31 for substantial completion of the piping. Once you get your plumbing permit to allow connection from the house to the street, that will include the inspection and then LTL requires 24 hour notice to inspect. Michelle will check if the plumbing permit fee of \$79.00 is waived. That will all be after the entire project is complete. Then you will receive a letter from the township that now is the time to connect and you will have 60 days to complete the connection. With the grinder pumps, you will not need to go through that process. Sewer interruption will be only for one day. Quarterly fee will start on the day the property is connected. If you do not connect within the designated 60-day time frame, your quarterly fee will be effective as of that day. Chris said that we will find areas for staging of materials, that any resulting property damage will be repaired and that Doli will coordinate with the property owners for approval of the installation of the manholes. We will do everything to keep the residents happy; there will be “no bull in the china cabinet” going on. It was agreed that residents with grinder pumps and those without have the same 60-day date to connect. Chris said that allowances for electrical panel upgrades are in the contract. That is, if an upgrade is needed, the upgrade is at no cost to the property owner. 200 amp is plenty. The next meeting is April 7. Residents will not have to be home for the installation. The tapping and connection fees are due at the time of the plumbing permit application.

Josh Moyer, 179 Rose Valley Road, found the article where the \$50 application fee and the \$79.00 permit fees were waived: January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Dan Yergey, 191 Rose Valley Road, asked about financing. Michelle said that there is a two-year loan program offered through the township and administered by Portnoff Law Associates at 6% interest, plus an administrative fee. This information was provided to residents in the initial letter that went out notifying residents of the project. This is only for the tapping and connection fees, not the plumbing costs.

MING DRIVE/MOYER ROAD SEWER PROJECT – All properties are designated to receive grinder pumps. Chris explained that we have gathered some survey data and are just now starting to put together the plans. All Operations & Maintenance agreements for the grinder pumps must be received by the township before the project can go out to bid. That’s the next step. There will be a one year maintenance guarantee by Doli whereby they will do any repairs to the grinder pumps. Thereafter, the property will be responsible for the repairs, which is exactly what the O&M agreement discusses. Mr. Bealer said that we looked at different ways to do this project and grinder pumps seem to be the only way to go. The ground is so flat we would end up with a 30-foot deep sewer line. We have had pumps that last up to fifteen years without any issues. Chris said that the contract includes a ten-foot wide paving of the road, which should match up to the curbside, after the project is complete.

Mr. Bealer ended with saying that communication is key and that if there any questions, we are only a phone call away.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bealer, Chairman, Sewer Committee