

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 2, 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 March 3, 2020 as presented.

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

Flow Reports – New limit is 626,600 gpd. See attached. March flow was 428,959 and April flow was 436,477 gpd.

Regal Oaks IIA – Construction expected to start next Wednesday 6/10/20.

Meter Calibration – scheduled for tomorrow.

Purchase of Additional Capacity – 60 EDUs (18,000 gpd) purchase approved by PBA on 5/19/20 for ROIIA and Gilbertsville and Ming/Moyer.

PAW – Sale approved by BOC on 4/20/20 to PA American Water. Engineer’s Assessment Report preparation started this week.

PA Small Sewer and Water Program – Grant for Ming/Moyer submitted. Announcement expected July 14.

Ming/Moyer Sewer Extension – 27 Grinder Pumps connecting to existing 3” LPFM on West Moyer Road. Advertise for bids before end of month; Bids due end of July; Construction start in September.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SEWER ORDINANCE – J. Bealer explained the proposed amendments include a reduction in sewer user fees, clarifying the mandated connection requirements and eliminating the optional water meter method. Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to recommend the changes to the reduction in sewer user fees and clarifying the mandated connection requirements but deferring the decision on repealing the optional water meter method to the Board of Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR REDUCITON IN SEWER FEES & EDU ASSESSMENT – M. Reddick advised there is a request from a commercial property owner for a reduction in sewer user fees as the businesses have been vacant due to COVID-19. The second request is for consideration of a reduction in EDU’s. The Committee agreed that a reduction in sewer user fees is not an option as it has not been past practice to offer any reduction in fees when properties, whether commercial or residential, remain vacant. The Committee did not want to provide a recommendation on the second request but rather agreed to have Wastewater Engineer Chris Pelka evaluate the EDU assessment.

OLD BUSINESS

REGAL OAKS PHASE IIA SEWER PROJECT UPDATE – C. Pelka had already provided an update under his engineer’s report that the anticipated start date for the project is June 10, 2020. In response to a question from **Ashley Moyer, 179 Rose Valley Road**, C. Pelka advised the contractor will work Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm with no weekends, and the project should be completed by the end of July. In response to a question from **Michael Erwin, 2131 Gilbertsville Road**, C. Pelka advised that Gilbertsville Road is the last phase of the project so it would not start until sometime in July. In response to a question from **Michele Birch, 173 Rose Valley Road**, J. Bealer confirmed that plumbing permit applications would need to be completed, but there would be no fees for the permit. He advised a permit application needs to be completed so that the Township can establish a record of sewer connections. In response to a question from **Willa Toth, 2101 Gilbertsville Road**, C. Pelka advised the anticipated start date for the project is July 10, 2020. In response to a concern expressed by **Wendy Cronk, 2133 Hollyberry Court**, regarding where to put the stake for the lateral, C. Pelka agreed to meet with her and talk about it, and Mrs. Cronk provided her telephone number. In response to a concern expressed by **Cindy Montague, 2161 Hollyberry Court**, C. Pelka advised her to send an email with her concerns.

MING DRIVE/MOYER ROAD SEWER PROJECT – C. Pelka noted the information regarding this project was provided under his engineer’s report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Mr. Bealer thanked those who attended the meeting. Mr. Read also thanked those who attended the meeting especially since it was not the normal course of holding an in-person meeting but rather a virtual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by D. Read, second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bealer, Chairman, Sewer Committee