

May 5, 2010
Salford, Pennsylvania

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Chairman Poatsy at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. O'Donnell, VanLuvanee, Giannini, Raisner, Sacks and McMaster were present, as was the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms Jr., Township Engineers, Michael Reinert and Jeff Kerlin and Sewage Engineer, Fred Ebert. Mr. Nase was absent.

Mr. Poatsy explained his recommendation as the result of his meeting with Senator Bob Mensch and the Regional Director for the Department of Environmental Protection, Joseph Feola, to take the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan in a different direction than what was originally proposed by adopting an ordinance requiring on-lot maintenance of all existing and future sewage treatment systems which would include a pumping schedule for the entire township. The pumping requirements would incorporate a check list of items to be completed by the pumper/hauler to help identify actual failures.

Public comment included:

- Al Kennedy questioned the five year period proposed for the on-lot maintenance review.
- Gary Shelby had questions relating to the enforcement of failures during the on-lot maintenance review period, contractors who would perform the septic system pumping, and who would be taking the lead to proceed with the proposed idea.
- Earl Cardellino questioned costs relating to the pumper/haulers' additional requirements.
- Tom Ferrero from Franc Environmental suggested looking at Doylestown's pumping program and offered some input regarding inspections based on his experience.
- Tom Brown had questions relating to the use of a Sewer Enforcement Officer and mentioned his concerns with the reliability of data provided by pumper/haulers hired by the residents.
- Gary Shelby commented on a letter to the residents regarding the change in direction for the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

Mr. Ebert was asked to provide the Township with copies of the **On-Lot Operation and Maintenance Ordinances** from Franconia and Doylestown, as well as any others he felt would be helpful to review while developing an Ordinance for the Township. He was also asked to help develop a checklist for the pumper/haulers, or provide a copy used by other townships.

The next Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the minutes from the April 6, 2010 Joint meeting were approved as amended.

Public comment included:

- Tom Brown questioned the status of the stipulation agreement with THP.
- Gary Larson questioned whether the stipulation was still legally binding.
- Barbara Gormley questioned the status of the wooden Salford Station Road Bridge.
- Chip Damiani questioned what the Township's due diligence had accomplished with regard to the bridge replacement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary