

APPROVED

June 20, 2007
Salford, Pennsylvania

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Chairman Hagey at 7:30 PM. Messrs. Gular, Poatsy, Giannini, Raisner, Sacks, McMaster and Nase were present. Eric Jarrell, County Planner, Stephen Imms, Township Solicitor and Township Engineers, Mike Reinert and Jeff Kerlin also attended.

The Township Engineers provided a sampling of a portion of the **draft 537 plan**, citing two alternatives for community waste water disposal system connection options for the three village areas, as they had been directed to do at the March 2007 meeting.

With regard to the Woxall area, 115 properties were tested and 38 of those properties had the potential for malfunction. The average age of the systems were 30 years or older. Some of the potential options to correct the problems associated with this and the other village areas were reviewed:

- Replacement with a conventional on-lot disposal system. This option would require implementation of an aggressive inspection and maintenance/monitoring program in cooperation with the County Health Department. Substandard or malfunctioning systems would be identified during this process with the property owner being responsible for identifying a replacement on-lot alternative. A maintenance program would be established throughout the township. Typically townships have utilized a pumping schedule wherein the township is divided into thirds and every year one third of the township is required to provide pumping receipts to the township.
- On-lot/Community soil based Solution. With the soils in the villages being identified by the County as either somewhat or extremely limited, a soil based system's life span would be significantly minimized. There is also a major cost concern incurred in constructing the system initially knowing the potential of a limited replacement time period involved.
- Localized stream discharge system. The Vaughn Run area was considered; however, there was concern that the base flows would not support the introduction of waste water into the tributary. For the Woxall area, discharge options would include the Perkiomen Creek and East Branch. Collection in the Woxall area could be conveyed to the Perkiomen Creek by way of Church Road down into Salford with a waste water treatment plant located on municipal property on the west side of Salford Station Road. To link to the East Branch, a forced main could run down Old Skippack Road through Salfordville with the system conveying the flows to the existing plant at the Shelly Square Shopping Center. Salfordville was proposed for connection to the Shelly plant under both alternatives. This would necessitate an upgrade to the existing plant. When questioned, the Engineers did not feel the Unami Creek would be a suitable waterway to discharge waste water based on its classification as a high quality watercourse and past experiences with the DEP. Mr. Kerlin indicated he would like to install as few pump stations as possible,

therefore, it would be best to utilize gravity sewers wherever possible and then individual grinder pumps for low pressure sewers along Burton Road.

Mr. Jarrell indicated Montgomery County would most likely question how the aquifer would be balanced if the township were to install a stream discharge system. He suggested possibly installing a spray irrigation system in Orchard Park; however, the Township Solicitor did not feel that would not be possible without reimbursing the County for their costs towards the purchase of the park since that would not be an acceptable use of the property per the purchase agreement.

One concern was that bringing more sewer options into the township would enable more building. It was concurred that although the 537 plan must address current and future sewage issues, the Township zoning ordinance would protect the township from increased development beyond that which is allowed by the zoning ordinance. The engineers also stated that the Township may determine the boundaries for its planned sewer districts and inclusion of any additional properties within those districts, after the plan is adopted, would have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

DEP is requiring the township to provide a timeframe by July 12th as to when completion of milestones for the 537 plan can be expected. The main goal would be the submission of a final draft that meets local approval that could be sent to outside agencies for comment. The Township Engineers will work with the Township Solicitor to supply a time schedule to DEP.

The Township Engineers were directed to provide a cost analysis for the various options to be considered at a later date. They will also explore additional alternatives for the three village areas, including soil based solutions.

The Spring Mountain Music Festival Agreement was discussed. The promoters of the festival requested all ages be allowed to attend the festival but would provide wristbands to those that show identification that they are 21 or older to allow them to purchase alcoholic beverages. This was the procedure at the last blues festival held on the mountain. The promoters also requested an insurance liability amount of \$1,000,000 instead of \$2,000,000. In a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Gular, the supervisors unanimously approved the execution of the amended agreement as modified per their discussion and conditioned upon the supervisors approval once completed.

The minutes of the May 16, 2007 Joint Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

The minutes of the May 8, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting were tabled until Mr. Poatsy could review the tape with regards to the discussion on T. H. Properties.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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