

August 17, 2010
Salford, Pennsylvania

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

No subdivision or land development plans were submitted to be reviewed by the Planning Commission; therefore, the meeting was utilized to further discuss the proposed Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

The division of the Township into three sections to administer the pumping requirements was discussed. The option to separate the Township by the three village areas, Option 1, was the preferred choice.

The proposed Ordinance to establish regulations for the installation, inspection and on-going maintenance of on-lot sewage disposal systems, among other various issues, was reviewed and some changes were suggested. Mr. Poatsy indicated he did not want to require the pumper/haulers to be members of the PA Septage Management Association and would like to find another way to certify those that will service the Township. Mr. Ebert was asked to look into whether a pumper/hauler could become certified by the PA Septage Management Association without becoming a member. Mr. Kerlin and Mr. Reinert were asked to check with other local municipalities to determine which of the pumper/haulers that service their communities were members of the PA Septage Management Association. Mr. O'Donnell suggested consideration of a time frame for the pumper/haulers registration with the Township. Mr. Poatsy stated his opposition to water testing requirements as part of the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

Public comment included:

- Linda Faust expressed her concerns with the 14 year process in developing the Township Sewage Facilities Plan.
- Jack Walsh indicated that pumping needs vary depending on the condition of the system and property soil.
- Tom Brown questioned if all problems identified through the pumping process would need to be corrected immediately.
- David Holst had questions relating to the proposed pumping schedule and whether recent pumping receipts would be accepted.
- Deb Keller questioned the criteria to satisfy the requirements to go to a five year cycle.
- Amy Shelby questioned amended pumping requirements decreasing frequency of pumping in the event a house is sold affecting the number of residents.
- Linda Faust supplied a news article that claims the State is considering imposing their own regulations for inspecting septic systems.

- Earl Cardellino agreed that there should not be a requirement for pumper/haulers to be a member of the PA Septage Management Association and commented on the reputation and experience of pumper/haulers.
- Mark Krupp questioned whether members of the PA Septage Management Association received training.
- Gary Shelby requested that a copy of the draft ordinance be posted on the Township website.
- Amy Shelby requested the residents be notified when the draft is available on line.
- Gary Shelby requested additional water testing information be made available on the Township website.
- Roger Richter asked whether a new option would be added to the draft 537 Sewage Facilities Plan to address the Township-wide pumping requirements.
- Cindy Gerhard mentioned her concern with sewage problems that may not be addressed for over three years depending on the pumping schedule. She also questioned if the Township Road Crew notified the Montgomery County Health Department of suspected septic problems.
- Tom Brown questioned whether the Township would revisit the community system option after data is received through the pumping requirements.

An amended copy of the implementation ordinance would be reviewed at the next Act 537 meeting. The date of the meeting would be determined at a later time.

On a motion made by Mr. Raisner and seconded by Mr. McMaster, the minutes from the July 7, 2010 Joint meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

On a motion made by Mr. Nase and seconded by Mr. Raisner, the minutes from the July 20, 2010 Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary