

APPROVED

August 20, 2008
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, Hagey, Giannini, Raisner, McMaster and Nase were present, as was the Township Solicitor, Mr. Imms, County Planner, Matt Schelly, Sanitary Engineer Consultant, Fred Ebert, and Township Engineers, Jeff Kerlin and Mike Reinert. Mr. Sacks was absent.

Matt Schelly briefly reviewed the June 25, 2008 **subdivision tour** by the Supervisors and Planning Commission. Issues discussed included a concern that existing landscaping used to meet the intent of the ordinance was being removed by the new home owners, review of architectural design by the Planning Commission, period of time in which subdivision improvements should be completed, the expansion of the Shelly Square Sewage Treatment plant, and the need for an adjustment to the water flow sensor on the fire hydrant at the Shelly Square Center to allow use by the Upper Salford Fire Company. Mr. Schelly will submit a written summary of the tour to be included with the minutes.

Jeff Kerlin presented financial modules for the centralized and decentralized treatment options that were presented in the last **537 draft**. All modules were based on stream discharge and on a village wide basis. The modules included estimated tapping fees, user costs, and funding options.

Mr. Poatsy referred to a comment in the 537 draft that indicated the need area was based upon the field survey and the records maintained by the Montgomery County Health Department. He was interested in the records maintained by the MCHD, which Mr. Imms provided to him.

Mr. Raisner asked if there was any grant money available for residents to assist with the cost of connecting to the township sewage system. Mr. Ebert offered some options that are available to offset tapping fees, but explained the difficulties in obtaining the grant relief, which is considered first on demographics and then on an individual basis.

Mr. McMaster asked what the residents who are connecting to the township system would be required to do with their existing sand mounds. Mr. Ebert explained all of the waste water would have to be removed from the tank, have it washed with a Clorox wash and then either crushed with a backhoe or filled with stone. The sand on top could be disposed of in whatever manner the resident chooses.

The board also discussed the issues of limiting the potential hookup to those systems which are failing and, alternately, requiring the hookup of systems which are currently operating properly, and the financial implications of those options on the Township and the affected residents.

Mr. Hagey indicated he did not believe Salfordville should have a separate system.

Mr. Kerlin will provide all map and text revisions discussed during the June meeting at the September Joint meeting. It was decided that everyone should continue to review the 537 draft and financial analysis further and keep a list of concerns to be discussed at that time. Mr. Poatsy agreed with Mr. Kerlin suggestion to create another module based on

one of the options, running a scenario with 50 to 75% connection. It was agreed that TEI has provided adequate information and options, which leaves the Board of Supervisors with the decision of policy issues.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Giannini, the minutes from the July 16, 2008 Joint meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Assistant Secretary