

October 7, 2009  
Salford, Pennsylvania

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

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the proposed revision to the Township's **Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan**.

The Township Engineer provided an amended map showing revisions to the sewer service district and routing of the main conveyance lines per the direction given by the Board of Supervisors at the September 2, 2009 meeting. Also provided was the financial analysis for the changed route of the conveyance lines.

The Board of Supervisors offered to the Township Engineer their consensus to modify the 537 Sewage Facilities Plan to coincide with the changes proposed in the amended map.

Mr. Kerlin and Mr. Ebert indicated they would be prepared to discuss the revised financial model at the November 4, 2009 meeting.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Tom Brown, Old Skippack Road, reiterated that he and several of his neighbors had filed a petition seeking to have their lots removed from the sewer district and questioned the removal of other lots in the Woxall and Salfordville areas from the public sewer service district.
- Gary Moore, Hendricks Road, had questions regarding the criteria for opting out of the sewer district and questioned who will bear the costs of the proposed public sewer service.
- Bob Tarlo questioned the cost of the project and basis for property assessments.
- Alice Hollingsworth asked what the residents could do to help obtain grant money.
- Steve Hogan, Baghurst Road, questioned the options for residents who are unable to afford the costs associated with the public sewer connection.
- Charles Holt, Old Skippack Road, questioned the life expectancy of a grinder pump as well as the estimated cost and procedure to connect to the public sewer system. He also questioned why the township wasn't utilizing a gravity system.
- Geoffrey Loughery, Salford Street, questioned the estimated time frame for the completion of the public sewer system.

- Andrew Stankus asked if the proposed sewer service map was available to residents.

The draft implementation ordinance review continued. Mr. Poatsy requested further consideration of Section 104.C.2. with regard to the minimum lot size for exemption from connection to the public sanitary sewer system. He preferred the minimum lot size be changed to 90,000 sq. ft. Mr. Kerlin offered to supply a map showing all properties that are 90,000 sq. ft. or larger to determine how that would affect the sewer district.

Mr. Imms was asked to send his memorandum from August 5, 2009 with regard to properties within 150 feet from publicly owned sanitary sewage lines to all members of the Planning Commission, Board and Township Secretary for further discussion prior to the October 20, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Imms will also attempt to reword Section 105.C. to clarify the intent.

*Comments and questions from the public included:*

- Gary Moore questioned the assessment of properties not in the sewer district along the route of the high pressure main conveyance lines.
- Barbara Gormley asked for clarification that the sewage treatment plant would only accommodate those residents in the sewer service district with minimal additional connections possible.

It was suggested that the review of the draft implementation ordinance continue at the October 20, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, if agreed to by the Planning Commission Chairman.

The November 4, 2009 meeting to continue the discussion on the 537 Sewage Facilities Plan was confirmed.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Raisner, the minutes from the September 2, 2009 joint meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato  
Secretary