

December 2, 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, Giannini, Raisner, Sacks, and Nase were present, as was the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms Jr., Township Engineers, Jeff Kerlin and Michael Reinert, and Sewage Engineer, Fred Ebert. Messrs. Hagey and McMaster were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the proposed amendments made by the Township Engineer to the Township's **Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan**, which included changes to the sewer service district and the routing of the main conveyance lines.

Public comments and questions included:

- Roger Richter questioned the EDUs calculated for the apartment unit at the Woxall Post Office, the type of wastewater disposal for the chosen option and the expansion of the existing Shelly Square treatment plant.
- Cindy Gerhard questioned the cost difference resulting from the relocation of the pump station in the Salford area, the choice of grinder pumps versus a gravity system, the number of malfunctions in certain areas and the reasoning why certain properties were or were not included in the sewer district.
- Sharon Halteman suggested that the problem systems be dealt with individually instead of installing a community system.
- Gary Shelby questioned if the Township had defined the problem with regard to wastewater management. He also questioned if the Township knew the true number of failures and why the systems were failing. He asked why the cost analysis did not extend past ten years.
- Cindy Gerhard questioned the monthly operation and maintenance fee for those in the sewer district.
- Roger Richter had questions related to the treatment plant with regard to treatment costs, ownership of the plant, exceeding capacity and exclusion of NW Controls in the sewer district.
- Gary Shelby questioned the townships intent to inform the public of the proposed sewage facilities plan.
- Barbara Gormley questioned if it would be too late to include input from the public during the public hearing in the plan. She also questioned what percentage of the township included the sewer district.

In response to the concerns expressed, the Planning Commission pointed out that the Township is under a statutory mandate to prepare and implement a wastewater treatment plan to address the sewage facility needs of the entire Township and that after significant inquiry, review and discussion, the joint boards developed the current plan draft.

Fred Ebert was asked to provide an estimated cost for evapotranspiration systems, as well as details relating to the work required and cost estimate for hook up to a public sewage system.

The Township Solicitor advised the next step for the Township would be to set the date for a public hearing.

Jeff Kerlin was directed to provide the office with ten complete copies of the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan after all corrections were made, allowing several copies for residents to review.

It was decided that the 2010 Joint meetings would continue to be held the first Tuesday of each month. The Township Secretary was directed to advertise the dates.

On a motion made by Mr. Raisner and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the minutes from the November 4, 2009 joint meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public comment included:

- Cindy Gerhard indicated that she would like to see answers to the questions and public comments presented during meetings in the minutes.
- Tom Brown expressed his appreciation for the hard work that has been put into the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan and preferred to avoid delays that would postpone the completion of the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary