August 5, 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, McMaster and Nase were present, as was the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms Jr., Township Engineer, Jeff Kerlin and Sewage Engineer, Fred Ebert. Messrs. Giannini and Sacks were 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 routing of the conveyance lines was the first item of discussion.

Comments from the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors & Township representatives included:

- It was suggested that the Township Engineer maintain a list of all recommendations made for consideration at a later time.
- Mr. Poatsy felt that all existing problems, such as stormwater issues, should be corrected when the roads are closed to the residents during the sewer installation and construction.
- Mr. Kerlin recommended running the conveyance line down Shelly Road instead of Bergey Road to avoid the need to purchase an easement from Diminjan to Shelly Road.
- Mr. Poatsy suggested that the conveyance line should either run down Bergey Road to Old Sumneytown Pike and along Sumneytown Pike (State Route 63) or go out Diminjan.
- Mr. Kerlin agreed the group home on Old Skippack Road should be included in the sewer district.
- Mr. Poatsy felt the sewer district should not be taken down Briar Ridge Lane.
- Mr. Hagey expressed his agreement with the Township Engineer's opinion for the placement of the conveyance lines.
- Mr. Poatsy indicated he was not prepared to offer his opinion on the conveyance line. He felt the connection down Old Skippack Road should go down Old Church. He preferred the option of running the conveyance line down Bergey Road to Diminjan Road to Shelly Road and suggested researching the option to utilize the church property since Mr. Richter indicated his preference not to have the easement through his property. Mr. Poatsy also felt there are policy issues that need to be resolved before the Board could make final decision on the location of the conveyance lines.
- Mr. O'Donnell stated his expectation that he would be ready to offer his opinion of the routing of the conveyance line at the next meeting.

- Mr. Ebert offered information on grant funds available through the state for projects that have an approved 537 Plan prior to August 2010.

Comments and questions from the public included:

- Tom Brown read a petition signed by residents of tax block 6 indicating their preference not to be included in the sewer district.
- Roger Richter voiced his objection to the proposed easement running through his property.
- Ken VanLuvanee questioned the need for an additional pump if the conveyance line were to run up Shelly Road.
- Kevin Fitzgerald questioned how much of the THP property was in Upper Salford.
- Tom Brown questioned if there was a high pressure line in the Woxall area.
- Bob Hickson indicated he felt the township should consider a gravity system along with the pressurized system as he felt that pressurized systems were more of a problem to run and more costly.
- Mark Krupp questioned the use of low pressure and high pressure lines on Old Skippack Road. He also questioned the decision as to why some homes with functioning systems were included in the sewer district while others were not.
- Gary Larson questioned why the conveyance line from the Salford area went up Salford Street instead of Quarry, which appeared the shorter route.
- Tom Brown asked if a cost analysis for a gravity system was included in the preliminary draft.
- Ken VanLuvanee questioned the need of a back-up system for the low pressure system.
- Armond Arcaro questioned the average estimated hook-up cost and monthly fee for residents in the sewer district. He further questioned whether the value of homes in the sewer district would be increased or decreased.
- Tina Haney indicated she did not feel it was fair to force residents with functioning sand mound systems to hook into the Township sewage system.
- Roger Richter questioned if a lateral line would be ran to the property line or whether the property owner need to hook into the main line.

Mr. Imms gave a brief synopsis of the draft implementation ordinance he prepared.

- Mr. Raisner indicated he felt it would be beneficial to review the ordinance prior to considering of any changes to the sewer district.
- Mr. Nase questioned the appeal process for residents who may wish to appeal their inclusion in the sewer district.
- Mr. O'Donnell suggested adding the definition of IRSIS to the definitions.
- Mr. Poatsy questioned if a resident not in the sewer district would be wise to prepare for a possible malfunction of his existing system by piling soil for an alternate area sewer replacement area.

Further review of the ordinance will be conducted at the next meeting.

- Barbara Gormley mentioned her knowledge of a resident in the township unable to sell their home because of a problem with their existing system.

- Tom Brown offered his compliments and appreciation to the Township Engineers for their work on the 537 Sewage Facilities plan. He also suggested that the Township strive to complete the 537 plan in time to be eligible for grant funding consideration.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes from the July 7, 2009 joint meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary