

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 29, 2012**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Vice Chairman David Crock, Michael HENZES and Ed O'Brien. Also in attendance were Tyrone Mason, James Payne, Frank Quinter, Public Works Director, Christopher Pelka, Township Engineer, Charles Garner, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes [March 26, 2012]**

Mr. O'Brien moved that the March 26, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. HENZES seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Pelka provided the Engineer's Report. Highlights of his Report included the following:

- That letters have been mailed to 10 property owners residing in the Regal Oaks subdivision documenting problems and proposed repairs to be completed on their sewer laterals.
- Mr. Pelka stated that initially there were 15 property owners who were denoted to have sewer lateral problems but after reviewing the data provided the number was reduced to 10.
- Mr. Mason, a Regal Oaks' resident, expressed his concerns that the items cited in the letter regarding his property may not be correct. He stated that there were six individuals living in his home and that the day that his home's sewer lines were televised someone might have been taking a shower and/or doing some activity that might have impacted on the accuracy of the data provided.
- Mr. Quinter stated that he would review the video data provided for Mr. Mason's property and go back to the property after the next substantial rain event.
- Mr. Pelka stated that the typical cost of the repair for Mr. Mason's property could be approximately \$500.
- Mr. Payne, also a Regal Oaks' resident, emphasized that he would like to review the written and videotape reports on his property prior to his agreeing to move forward to resolve the problems cited in his letter from the Township regarding his sewer lateral.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Updates**

No updates were provided.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Flow Report – Corrective Action Plan (CAP)**

Mr. Pelka stated that they had received quotes to remove the Turnberry meter that is not operating properly. He stated that the first quote was for \$5,500. It was noted that once a new meter was installed at Turnberry that it should be recalibrated. Mr. Garner added that the past data provided from the Turnberry meter was not correct. Mr. Pelka noted that the majority of the other flows were down except for the Turnberry meter. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Farmington Avenue flow rates were excessively high and that that might denote a serious I&I problem on Farmington Avenue. Mr. Mason inquired as to whether the high flow rates on Farmington Avenue might have significantly more negative impact on Township sewer flows than the specified problem areas at Regal Oaks. Mr. Payne added that he would like to see a focus on Farmington Avenue as opposed to Regal Oaks since the I&I problem appears to be much greater on Farmington Avenue. Mr. Payne requested that the Township extend the time period for mandating that the specified problem properties at Regal Oaks have their repairs completed to 90 to 120 additional days. Following additional discussion on this matter, Vice Chairman Crock made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to recommend to the Township Board of Commissioners that they extend the time frame for the completion of the specified sewer lateral repairs for the 10 Regal Oaks' properties to 120 days (e.g., May 24, 2012 is the beginning date of the 120 day period). The motion was approved.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Miscellaneous**

- Vice Chairman Crock requested that the storm drain located at Concord and Continental be repaired. Mr. Quinter stated that they would respond to this request.

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**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. O'Brien moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:04 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 P.M.  
Monday, July 23, 2012**