The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Sewer & Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Dave Crock and Don Read. Also present was Township Engineer Christopher Pelka and Township Manager, Carol R. Lewis.

Public Comment – Robert and Carol Miller, 2115 Gilbertsville Road (near the entrance to Regal Oaks) inquired on the timeline of sanitary sewer to their address. The Millers need it or will lose the house. They are paying taxes but can’t live there. There are five houses Chris Pelka reported that would definitely need grinder pumps. We might be able to do a directional drill. A HOP permit from PennDOT is needed for the total of seven houses on Gilbertsville Road. D. Crock asked if the Millers would be willing to participate in the cost. Mr. Miller replied that there were no funds.

Minutes – Motion by D. Crock second by J. Bealer and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018 as presented.

Engineer’s Report – C. Pelka presented the engineer’s report.

Flow Reports – Flows have been OK. Still I/I at all but Turnberry and Applebees. Meter recorded average daily flows for month of September 533,060 GPD which equals 87% of our purchased capacity of 608,600 gpd.

Poplar Meter – PBA was notified of sag in February 2018.

Regal Oaks PS – C. Pelka reported October 24 the #2 Pump from Regal Oaks pump station that was rebuilt was returned and installed. On that same day the #2 Pump from Hollyberry Court pump station was returned to service.

Regal Oaks PS and Pine Ford PS – Currently no method to measure flows outside of run time at max gpm. After further investigation, it appears that a compact SD card is compatible with the existing PS controls. Per John Laidley (Seeley) cost is approximately $1500 installed for each. Still awaiting software installation – hopefully this month.

C. Pelka reports on the two ongoing Housing Developments of Sprogel's Run and Cross Roads. He is continuing to monitor the infrastructure installation and testing of their Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater control systems. Punchlist items still remain.

2018 CFA Small Sewer and Water Grant Program – Accepted $200,000 grant. Advertise in January; Bids due in March. There was discussion on whether the farm at 2290 Gilbertsville was included w/ Regal Oaks II. Motion by D. Crock second by D. Read to move forward with the design. No vote was taken. D. Crock asked if it would be cheaper to run behind their houses. C. Pelka said it would depend on highway opening configuration. There would be longer runs of pipe. C. Pelka reported that 212 Rose Valley Road has a crazy corner. He was asked if it could come out the front which would save a lot of money. C. Pelka did not see a problem with flipping to phase B.
MH Repairs – Efforts are ongoing to reduce I and I into our transport systems. Several MHs identified with some groundwater leaks. The municipal crew is planning to perform smoke testing of pipelines before scheduling maintenance repairs. Prior repairs were performed by Mr. Rehab at $400/hr with a required min. of 4 hours.

709 Evans Road – In Douglas Township. Connection procedure would be same as that for 702 Evans Road.

New Business – We have received a proposal for annual inspections to be performed on our 4 pump stations from M & S Services so that we do not have catastrophic failures in the future. The Committee recommends acceptance and execution of this contract. There was discussion on what was covered and the benefits. This will be put on the agenda for the BOC.

Old Business – The Committee reviewed the budget. There is an increase in the budget due to more customers, plus the tapping fees from Regal Oaks IIA and Gilbertsville Road, 2020 Regal Oaks IIB and 2021 Ming/Moyer.

Board Comment – None to note.

Adjournment – The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. by unanimous consent of those present.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Bealer, Chairman, Sewer & Water Committee

Addendum:
On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm a meeting for property owners in Regal Oaks Housing Development was held to provide information to those individuals impacted by the planned public Sanitary Sewer Service Project. This construction is contemplated to begin spring of 2019. This is the project identified as Regal Oaks Phase II A. Project to connect 26 of a total of 56 properties needing public collection service in the development.