

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
MARCH 13, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the Township building. It was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman, Michael Byrne.

Those attending: Mr. Michael Byrne
Mr. David Decker
Ms. Patricia Hall, Office Manager
Mr. Matthew B. Hayes
Mr. James P. Kelly, P. E.
Mr. Robert L. Pinto, Solicitor
Mr. Robert Powell, new board member
Mr. Richard T. Spielman, Jr., Operations Manager
Mr. Walter J. Weinrich, Esq

Those not attending: Ms. Eileen Joseph
Mr. Eugene O'Brien

Others attending: Mr. Vincent DelVacchio, N. Ridley Creek Road

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2019 were reviewed.

MOTION: Mr. Walter J. Weinrich moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Matthew B. Hayes. Motion carried. Mr. Robert Powell abstained from voting since he was not a board member at last month's meeting and had not attended. (MOTION 19-03-16)

INCOME AND EXPENSES

MOTION: Mr. Walter J. Weinrich moved to approve the Voucher List of March 13, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Matthew B. Hayes. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 19-03-17)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Regarding the Ridley Creek/Crum Creek Sanitary Sewer Extension project, the following permits have been approved and pumps issued: **Phase One** (227 customers) 211 permits and 212 pumps; **Phase Two** (189 customers) 185 permits and 184 pumps; **Phase Three** (122 customers) 120 permits and pumps; **Phase Four** (86 customers) 79 permits and 77 pumps; **Phase Five** (155 customers) 149 permits and 141 pumps; **Phase Six** (182 customers) 172 permits and 161 pumps; **Phase Seven** (75 customers) 70 permits and 65 pumps; **Phase Eight** (134 customers) 126 permits and 121 pumps; **Phase Nine** (104 customers) 93 permits and 87 pumps. The amount of main installed is 159,471 feet (30.2 miles), and service pipe is 29,260 feet. The percentage of residents connected is 91.0% and 106 pumps have not been issued. There has been no change since the previous report.

Mr. Spielman has discussed his proposed approach to addressing the current stock level of grinder pumps with Mr. Hayes. He has attached to his report a three-page draft of a letter outlining the background of the Authority's projects utilizing grinder pumps beginning in 1999, the ongoing pump storage issues (pumps can continue to be stored at Jenkintown until the end of this year), and his conclusions and recommendations. This information was discussed at length with the members of the board who will review it and provide their feedback to Mr. Spielman who will then summarize their comments.

The fabricated repair parts for the vacuum system at the Bortondale pump station have been installed and the station is fully operational. The full rebuild of the station will be undertaken when all materials are available and the weather is more favorable.

As discussed at the November 2018 budget meeting, Mr. Spielman had asked for and been provided with contacts at other authorities who have a substantial number of grinders in service. It is his goal to determine if our repair costs are in line with other users and to possibly determine if other approaches could reduce our costs. He expects to talk to the four contacts he presently has in the next several weeks to determine if site visits would be worthwhile. He also continues to work with our service company, Site Specific, to investigate any changes in our methods or procedures that would improve efficiency and reduce costs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports.

REPORTS OF CONSULTANTS

MR. JAMES P. KELLY, ENGINEER

No new data has been collected on the sanitary sewer mapping project due to the weather.

Pursuant to the Sewer Authority's direction, Mr. Kelly has confirmed that a mobile generator is available through the Costar program. This item has been budgeted. The cost of the generator from Best Line Equipment is \$63,843.92, an increase of \$6,354.80 over last year's purchase.

Mr. Spielman noted that this new generator will replace the one at Bortondale. The one at Bortondale will then be moved to Media Station.

MOTION: Mr. Matthew Hayes moved to approve the purchase of a new generator from Best Line Equipment through the Costar program at a cost of \$63,843.92. Seconded by Mr. Walter J. Weinrich. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 19-03-18)

No pumps have been installed since last month.

MR. ROBERT L. PINTO, SOLICITOR

Regarding a possible resolution for the surplus of grinder pumps, Mr. Pinto noted that at last month's meeting, it was suggested that he and Mr. Weinrich work on an informational letter to residents. He and Mr. Weinrich will put something together before the next meeting for all board members to approve. Mr. Powell suggested that the Sewer Authority provide Township Council with this information after final approval by the board since Council's cooperation is needed to enforce the ordinance.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hall distributed the 2019 Sewer Authority Directory to all board members.

KBX REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Mr. Marchionne responded twice to lag alarms at the Braves Trail pump station where he cleared an obstruction around the floats and tested the system for proper operation. Later in the month, he used a back-up generator to restore power at the station following a power failure alarm during a high wind event.

He responded to a power failure at the Winter Street pump station, notified PECO and monitored the station until power was restored. He met with two representatives, one from Premium Power and one from Higgins, for final hookup of the generator at the Valley View pump station.

He responded to a township call about a sewer leak at the manhole at Farnum and Crum Creek Road.

He is recommending cleaning of the wet wells at Rose Tree Estates Upper and Lower.

MOTION: Mr. David Decker moved to adjourn the meeting of March 13, 2019.
Seconded by Mr. Walter J. Weinrich. Motion carried unanimously.
(MOTION 19-03-19)

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Stella B. Thompson

Approved _____

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MOTIONS FOR 2019
MARCH

- 16. Approval of the meeting minutes of February 13, 2019 as presented.**
- 17. Approval of the Voucher List of March 13, 2019 as presented.**
- 18. Approval to purchase a new generator from Best Line Equipment through the Costar program at a cost of \$63,843.92.**
- 19. Adjournment of the meeting of March 13, 2019.**