

**SEWER AUTHORITY  
UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MAY 9, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority was held on May 9, 2018 in the Township building. It was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Michael Byrne.

**Those attending:** Mr. Michael Byrne  
Ms. Patricia Hall, Office Manager  
Mr. Matthew B. Hayes  
Ms. Eileen Joseph  
Mr. James P. Kelly, P. E.  
Mr. Eugene O'Brien  
Mr. Richard T. Spielman, Jr., Operations Manager

**Those not attending:** Mr. David Decker  
Mr. Robert L. Pinto, Solicitor  
Mr. Walter J. Weinrich, Esq.

**Others attending:** Mr. Vince Del Vacchio, Media

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2018 were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Eugene O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Eileen Joseph. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 18-05-17)

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

The voucher list for May 9, 2018 was reviewed. Ms. Hall explained the 'refund over payment of sewer rent' referred to in Item #12.

**MOTION:** Mr. Eugene O'Brien moved to approve the voucher list for May 9, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Eileen Joseph. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 18-05-18)

**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) 209 permits and pumps; **Phase Two** (189 customers) 184 permits and pumps; **Phase Three** (121 customers) 120 permits and pumps; **Phase Four** (85 customers) 79 permits and 77 pumps; **Phase Five** (155 customers) 149 permits and 137 pumps; **Phase Six** (184 customers) 158 permits and pumps; **Phase Seven** (75 customers) 69 permits and 60 pumps; **Phase Eight** (134 customers) 126 permits and 125 pumps; **Phase Nine** (104 customers) 93 permits and 86 pumps. The amount of main installed is 159,471 feet (30.2 miles), and service pipe is 29,260 feet (5.5 miles). The percentage of residents connected is 88.9%. A total of 118 pumps have not been issued.

No additional customers in the area of the isolated system pressure problem have connected in the past month.

The nor'easter that struck our area had a significant impact on our facilities. Mr. Spielman met with a fence contractor on May 7 to seek an estimate for the fence repairs at Winter Street and Media Station pumping stations. He expects an estimate in the next week. The total repair cost is \$2,257.10. The trees were finally cleared from the Winter Street pump station on May 8.

The gravity line at Braves Trail, which was determined to have been leaking in the storm drain next to our station, has been repaired. Mr. Spielman informed PADEP on May 8 that an internal liner had been installed in the subject main section on May 7.

PECO has begun a project in our township called the BSSR (bare steel service replacement) Project. This work is impacting over 200 residents. Mr. Spielman has been kept extremely busy marking our facilities in advance of this work.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

No reports.

**REPORTS OF CONSULTANTS**

**MR. JAMES P. KELLY, ENGINEER**

Regarding the sanitary sewer mapping of the area north of Route 1, Service Areas Five, Six, and Seven have been completed. Service Area Eight is ongoing and is 5% completed. In the area south of Route 1, District Four (Braves Trail pump station)

is 100% complete and District Six (Bortondale pump station) is ongoing and is 30% complete.

With respect to sewer cleaning, gravity mains to be serviced in District Six are ongoing and 30% complete and those in Districts Four and Five (Media Station pump station) are 0% complete.

Video Pipe Services Inc. has begun this year's cleaning work, which includes cleaning of 32,211 l.f. sewer mains, 5,000 l.f. of root cutting, and routine "hot spot" cleaning at a contract price of \$21,309.26. This is the third year of a four-year sewer cleaning contract. Mr. Spielman noted that he has seen a definite drop in emergency-type calls after hours since the cleaning program began. He added that, from a legal standpoint, we have to exercise due diligence in the operation and maintenance of our system.

Four pumps have been installed since last month.

**MR. ROBERT L. PINTO, SOLICITOR**

There was no report as Mr. Pinto was on vacation.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Eugene O'Brien moved to accept the engagement letter of Leitzel and Economidis PC for the audit of the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 at a cost of \$7,500.00. Seconded by Ms. Eileen Joseph. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 18-05-19)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Concerning last month's discussion about financial hardships and sewer connections, Ms. Hall reported that she had spoken with Mr. P. Welsh, Assistant Director of the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development, to see if OHCD could be of assistance to some homeowners who have not yet connected to the sewer system. She distributed a housing initiatives brochure to the board members with the section on the rehabilitation program highlighted. She is awaiting a response from Mr. Welsh with regard to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. A discussion followed and Mr. Byrne agreed that this information should be sent to residents who might be helped by it.

**KBX GOLDEN REPORT FOR APRIL, 2018**

Mr. Marchionne made four calls to the Braves Trail station, responding to a power failure and two lag alarms. He broke up a grease mat obstructing the floats and performed a Dye Test on the gravity-fed line, finding a leak in the storm drain and under the creek. He is recommending replacement of the impeller on side #2.

He tested the floats and dialer at Winter Street station after a call of lag alarm. He repaired the force main from the manifold in the well at Letitia Lane station and is recommending the installation of a new control panel with auto dialer capabilities.

Responding to a high water alarm at Bortondale station, Mr. Marchionne found heavy flow from a rain event to be the cause. He is recommending that the wet well be thoroughly cleaned. Another recommendation was to replace both high head rotating assemblies with new units.

He replaced a bad E-One underground at a residence on Farnum Road.

**MOTION:** Mr. Eugene O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting of May 9, 2018.  
Seconded by Ms. Eileen Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.  
(MOTION 18-05-20)

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Stella B. Thompson  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**MOTIONS FOR 2018**  
**MAY**

- 17. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2018 as presented.**
- 18. Approval of the Voucher List of May 9, 2018 as presented.**
- 19. Acceptance of the engagement letter of Leitzel and Economidis PC for the audit of the UPTSA's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 at a cost of \$7,500.00.**
- 20. Adjournment of the meeting of May 9, 2018.**