

March 17, 2009

**POTTSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
SEWER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Downie called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m. Present were Ronald Downie, Don Read, Aram Ecker, Tom Carroll and Doug Dilliplane. Also in attendance were Manager Raymond Lopez, Solicitor David Garner, Public Works Director Doug Yerger, Interim Bookkeeper Jason Bobst, Tom Weld, BCM Engineers, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Brent Wagner Utilities Director Robert Maul and Grants Assistant Erica Weekley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Downie asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stood approved.

**UPPER POTTS GROVE'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY**

. Mr. Weld advised that the York Street project will be bid out next week and should have a recommendation for the April meeting. He also noted that the DEP permit has been received and the County Conservation approval was received on this date. Mr. Weld added that Upper Pottsgrove Township is awaiting its approval from DEP.

**WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL – CROSSROADS PROJECT- UPDATE**

Solicitor Garner advised on March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Environment Hearing Board issued an order approving the withdrawal of the Appeal and this matter is now completed.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT EXCESS FLOW**

Mr. Weld advised that a detailed invoice was issued to Waste Management for the recent report of an excess flow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FOG REPORT**

Mr. Wagner advised that the intention of the FOG violation notice is not to hinder the operation of any business or restaurant. He added that his Staff along with the Codes Department works closely in getting these matters resolved.

Mr. Read stated that the Authority would support Staff is enforcing the FOG Ordinance if needed.

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Mr. Wagner also provided a status report on the delinquent haulers, noting that the back charges are being paid along with the current charges. He added that the Wastewater permit will be due for renewal in June and this will be handed by Staff, along with the EPA Risk Management renewal and also stated that a phosphorus limit will be due in two years.

Mr. Bobst advised that the budget process is expected to begin in July.

There was also a brief discussion on the expensive process of testing for pharmaceutical substances in the water.

## **SEWER LINES**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CLEANING INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY INTERCEPTOR**

Mr. Yerger reported that he is awaiting confirmation from USG that they will accept the \$4,000 change order towards the damages to their equipment. He added that there is approximately \$30,000 outstanding in the contract.

### **FLOW MONITORING FOR SPRING 2009**

Mr. Weld advised that the meters have been placed in the area of High and Roland Streets and will be in place for testing for approximately two months after a heavy rain occurrence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEWAGE FLOW METERS (POTTSTOWN AND SYSTEM WIDE)**

Mr. Yerger reported that he is preparing a pilot program to automate the sewage flow meter sites to bring about an electronic reporting system and to simplify the reporting process. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Read reminded Staff that Borough Council has requested a report of Authority matters including any construction being proposed in order to keep Councilors aware of projects in their various wards.

## **FINANCE**

Mr. Bobst agreed to contact Mr. Busch regarding the budgeted item of the Nextel revenues for the North Coventry Tank for clarification.

Mr. Yerger advised that Nextel is a customer on the tanks and this may be the confusion.

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### WATER

Mr. Bobst reported that the revenue of the water budget is at 46% with the potential to exceed budget. He also reviewed the miscellaneous revenue items.

### SEWER

Mr. Bobst also referred to the sewer budget distributed. He added that a report would be forthcoming regarding the bulk water fill station beginning in April. Mr. Bobst added that there will be an in depth report for April for the first quarter expenses and revenues.

Mr. Dilliplane requested a detailed summary of the aging report.

Mr. Bobst also advised that the meter reading process has netted a savings for the Authority.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ecker.

Submitted by Virginia Takach, Borough Secretary for  
Don Read, Secretary