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**POTTSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
SEWER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Downie called the meeting to order at 9:08 p.m. Present were Ronald Downie, Don Read, Aram Ecker and Doug Dilliplane. Also in attendance were Acting Manager Jason Bobst, Solicitor David Garner, Tom Weld, BCM Engineers, Public Works Director Doug Yerger, Bookkeeper Janice Lee, Utilities Coordinator Brent Wagner and Grants Assistant Erica Weekley. Mr. Carroll was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Downie asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 21, 2009 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stood approved.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT'S LOCKABLE ENCLOSURE**

Mr. Weld advised that the Waste Management's plans for the lockable enclosure have been approved. He added that the 120 period for completion and operation of the facility is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LOWER POTTS GROVE'S REQUEST FOR MAXIMUM PUMPING RATE**

Mr. Weld explained that Lower Pottsgrove Township is in the process of completing an Act 537 plan update. The township anticipates the need for a higher rate of flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He added that the Township would be responsible to install two new 18" pipes and responsible for all costs from the Authority's property line into the WWTP to install pipes. Mr. Weld added that through discussions with the Township, there will be provisions for penalties if limitations are exceeded.

Mr. Weld suggested requesting an escrow account be set up with the anticipation of changes to the current Sewage Treatment Service Agreement.

Mrs. Lee requested that the quarterly payment be separate from the escrow account.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Agreement with Lower Pottsgrove Township to establish an escrow account.

**UPDATE ON DRYER**

Mr. Wagner explained the wearing of the dryer with respect to the trough and the paddles. He is negotiating with Komline regarding the rehabilitation of the equipment,

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adding that the cost for repair would probably not be covered under the maintenance agreement.

### **BULK RATES**

Mr. Wagner also requested a change in the ordinance to adjust rates in calculating a base rate for bulk charges.

Solicitor Garner noted that the Borough changes the rates from a recommendation of the Authority.

Mr. Ecker moved to approve the recommendation of the Utility Coordinator to adjust the calculations for a base rate for bulk sewer charges subject to approval of the Solicitor. Mr. Dilliplane seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **NPDES PERMIT**

Mr. Wagner reported on the recent Department of Environmental audit of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permit and advised that the DEP will be giving a total dissolved solids limitation to the plant. He noted that there would be an evaluation of TDS in order to be in compliance with the DVRPC requirements.

### **SEWER LINES**

Mr. Weld referred to the Engineer's Report regarding the spring metering at Roland and High Streets and explained the hydraulic configuration of the piping.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Mr. Read.

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