

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 22, 2009**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Endy, were Raynard Spaide, and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Committee member Gene Gabel was absent.

Also in attendance were Marianne Deery, Mayor; Council members Patrick Maloney, Terry Mest and Lori Carnes, Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company, Marc DesAutels and Nathan Lauck, Severn Trent Environmental Services, Larry Lloyd, Berks County Conservancy, and Jake Lea, Montgomery County Lands Trust, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Spaide and approved.

Severn Trent Environmental Services Report – Water and Sewer

Mr. DesAutels and Mr. Lauck reviewed with the members the Severn Trent report on the operation of the Water and Wastewater Plants and distribution systems.

The complete report is on file in the Borough Administrative office.

The Pidcock Company Engineers' Report

Mr. Harman reviewed the Engineers' Report for the month of July. The complete report is on file in the Borough Administrative office.

The level of Trout Run Reservoir increased approximately three inches since last month and is at level 592.42 feet with 279,000,000 gallons of water. Approximately 6,154,000 gallons were pumped from Trout Run, and approximately 5,205,000 gallons were pumped from Ironstone Creek.

Bids for the Booster Pumping System were received on July 16th the low bid for base bid and bid 1 was submitted by Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$123,200. Mr. Harman noted that the base bid includes the pumps, controls, and piping, and bid 1 is for flow-rate control valves installed in the discharge piping from each of the three filters to automate the process. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend award of base bid and bid 1 to Eastern Environmental Contractors. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the August 3rd meeting of Council.

In discussion of the Boyertown Reservoir Spillway Project, Mr. Harman noted that a final inspection was conducted on July 10th and a "punch list" was provided to the contractor. Included on the list is the installation of additional fencing along the Powder Mill Hollow Road side of the spillway.

Regarding Phase VII Infiltration/Inflow project, SWERP is scheduled to return on July 23rd to install two remain liners in manholes in the intersection of Philadelphia and Reading Avenue.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Watershed Management Plan - Montgomery County Lands Trust – Mr. Endy recognized Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Lea who discussed with the members a conservation easement purchase for the reservoir property with the Berks County Conservancy and Montgomery County Lands Trust. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Lea explained that grant funding to purchase the easement could be sought through the Highlands Conservation Act and DCNR. Mr. Lloyd noted that the Highlands grant would pay fifty percent of the appraised value, and would be used as the matching portion of a DCNR grant. In discussion of the conservation, Mr. Lea stated that the DCNR model is used as the starting point and modified to meet our concerns. Following discussion, the committee agreed to continue discussion on this idea and requested Mr. Lea and Mr. Lloyd provide them with sample easement documents for review. Further discussion will be held on this matter.

New Business – Water

There was no new business to conduct.

New Business – Sewer

There was no new business to conduct.

Other Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made by Mr. Spaide, and seconded by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary