

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 26, 2009**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Endy, were Raynard Spaide, Gene Gabel, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council member Lori Carnes, Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company, Marc DesAutels and Nathan Lauck, Severn Trent Environmental Services, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Gabel 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.

Mr. DesAutels briefly discussed with the members the Proposed Contract Year #16 Budget. Mr. DesAutels noted that volatility in utilities and chemical pricing remains a concern. The proposed budget proposes the Utility Cap remain the same, and the Chemical Cap is reduced. In addition, labor costs are reduced, and the ST fee remains unchanged since 1999. Overall the proposed budget is a decrease of \$24,000 over the current budget. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend that council approve the proposed budget.

**The Pidcock Company Engineers' Report**

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

The level of Trout Run Reservoir increased approximately eighteen inches since last month and is at level 593.92 feet with 283,000,000 gallons of water. Approximately 7,278,000 gallons were pumped from Trout Run, and approximately 10,704,000 gallons were pumped from Ironstone Creek.

Regarding the Booster Pumping System, Mr. Harman noted that Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. has submitted bond and insurance documents to Solicitor Hartman for approval. Mrs. Spaide advised the members that the documents were approved by the solicitor this afternoon.

In discussion of the Boyertown Reservoir Spillway Project, Mr. Harman noted that all work including the additional fence is complete and has been inspected by the DEP. The application for final payment has been submitted and is under review by the engineer. The total project cost is \$644,649.25.

Regarding Phase VII Infiltration/Inflow project, SWERP is currently installing watertight “dishes” in the manhole frames.

**Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer**

**Watershed Management Plan - Montgomery County Lands Trust** – Mr. Endy noted that Mr. Lea and Mr. Lloyd have provided information for the committee to review and will attend the September meeting of the committee to further discuss the matter of a conservation easement.

**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 7:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, and seconded by Mr. Spaide. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide  
Borough Secretary