

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 24, 2009**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Endy, were Gene Gabel, Raynard Spaide, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Marianne Deery, Mayor; Council members Terry Mest and 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 May 20th, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, 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 June. The complete report is on file in the Borough Administrative office.

The level of Trout Run Reservoir increased approximately one and quarter feet since last month and is at level 592.17 feet with 278,000,000 gallons of water. Approximately 12,388,000 gallons were pumped from Trout Run, and approximately 7,978,000 gallons were pumped from Ironstone Creek.

The DEP has issued the construction permit for the Booster Pumping System at the Filtration Plant. The project has been advertised for bids to be due on July 16th.

In discussion of the Boyertown Reservoir Spillway Project, Mr. Harman noted that work is substantially complete. He also noted that in response to a call from Mrs. Spaide concerning the installation of additional fencing around the sloped area of the new spillway, he has contacted the contractor to coordinate the installation of the additional fencing. Mr. Harman noted that construction codes require the installation of fencing on vertical walls; however, fencing is not required by the code on sloped walls. For this reason the design plan did not include fencing along the sloped walls. However, Mr. Harman noted his agreement that fencing should be installed along the sloped wall of the spillway. Following review and discussion the committee members agreed, and directed Mr. Harman to instruct the contractor to install the additional fencing. Mr. Harman noted that the estimated cost of the additional fencing is approximately \$4,000. He also noted that the total cost of the project, including the additional fencing, will not exceed the contract price due to some cost under runs.

Regarding Phase VII Infiltration/Inflow project, SWERP is now installing liners in manholes.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Watershed Management Plan - Montgomery County Lands Trust – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that Larry Lloyd of the Berks County Conservancy will attend the July meeting of the Utility Committee to discuss with the committee if they are interested in pursuing grant funding through the Highlands Conservation Act Funding for a conservation easement. The Conservancy would assist the borough with procuring the grant. Mr. Lloyd has indicated that the Conservancy has been successful in procuring grant funding for conservation easements in the Oley Hills.

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. Spaide, and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary