

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

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:20 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 Terry Mest, Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company, Nathan Lauck, Severn Trent Environmental Services, Larry Lloyd, Berks County Conservancy, Joe Hebelka, PA DEP, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 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. 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 November. The complete report is on file in the Borough Administrative office.

The level of Trout Run Reservoir remained the same since last month and is at level 593.67 feet with 282,000,000 gallons of water. Approximately 8,068,000 gallons were pumped from Trout Run, and approximately 4,788,000 gallons were pumped from Ironstone Creek.

The level of Popodickon Reservoir rose 3.1 feet since October 15, 2009.

Regarding the Booster Pumping System, Mr. Harman noted that The Notice to Proceed was issued September 17, 2009, and the work is scheduled for January 2010 after delivery of equipment.

In discussion of the Boyertown Reservoir Spillway Project, Mr. Harman noted that the project is complete. Pidcock's office has been notified that the project will be reconsidered during the next round of H2O PA grant funding. The engineers have submitted additional information to the state to strengthen the application.

Regarding Phase VII Infiltration/Inflow project, all work is complete. Final payment certificate has been processed.

The committee discussed with Mr. Harman an analysis of water and sewer rates. It was noted that an additional \$100,000 of revenue is needed in the water fund; and

\$96,000 is needed in the sewer fund. Mr. Harman was also asked to provide a sewer rate analysis to generate \$125,000 in additional revenue.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Watershed Management Plan, Montgomery County Lands Trust and Berks Conservancy Conservation Easement – Mr. Endy recognized Mr. Joe Hebelka, of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and Mr. Larry Lloyd, of the Berks County Conservancy. Mr. Hebelka and Mr. Lloyd discussed with the committee the DEP Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program. The program is a community based voluntary effort to protect drinking water sources. The program can help develop and establish local Source Water Protection Programs. The minimum elements of a source water protection program include a local steering committee; source water protection area delineation; contaminant source inventory; source water protection area management methods and commitment; contingency planning; and protection of identified new source sites. The steering committee would be composed of three to five members. Mr. Hebelka left various notebooks of information for review by the committee. The committee will review the information and discuss the matter further.

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 8:04 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, and seconded by Mr. Spaide. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary