

Sellersville Borough Council's
Public Management Committee
Council Chambers
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, Pa 18960

April 17, 2018
7:00 O'Clock P.M.

The April, 2018 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Lois Dodson at the above designated time and location.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor : Thomas C. Hufnagle, Mayor

Councilpersons : Lois A. Dodson, Chairman
James G. Hull, First Alternate
Alexander Potoczny, Vice-Chairperson
Donald Crouthamel
Kathleen Hallman

Absent : Marie Howells
Lynne Saylor

Manager/Secretary : David J. Rivet, Manager/Secretary

TOWNSHIP ROAD PUMP STATION OVERFLOWS

Manager Rivet discussed overflows the sewage pump station has experienced during high ground water and heavy rain/snow melt events. Sellersville Borough replaced the Township Road sanitary sewer pump station last year under a contract with Bellview Pump. The new system features on emergency generator, two alternating pumps; a 4,500 gallon wet well; and an automatic dial-out call system to alert staff and the borough's plumber of system trouble. The wet well is fed sewage by gravity lines from Township Road and a section of Nanlyn Avenue. The sewer lines that transport the sewage are all vitrified clay. The pump station discharges the sewage from the wet well uphill via a force main (under pressure) to a manhole on Nanlyn Avenue to the main line on Diamond Street. The bid also included slip lining the lines running to the station from Nanlyn Avenue and the force main line from the station back up to Nanlyn Avenue to reduce infiltration as it was known those lines had seam leaks and cracks.

The new station has experienced high water events during snow melts and heavy rains. The first time this occurred was a year ago during a combination heavy rain/snow melt event. Last summer a contractor, Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, lined five manholes and another contractor, Pipe Data View make seven spot pipe repairs to the lines on Township Road and Nanlyn Avenue where there were identified interior cracks. The hope was this that this would address the overflows, unfortunately it did not. The borough has had to have a sewer pump out truck and our plumber respond to five high

water alarm events so far this winter between February 11th and March 4th for a cost of \$12,300. The high water events not only cost the borough a lot of money, it could impact residents by flooding their property and/or Township Road with raw sewage. The borough also has an obligation to the Pennridge Waste Water Sewer Authority to eliminate sources of ground water infiltration into the sanitary system.

On March 2, 2018 a company called Pipe Data View televised the lines on Township Road and Nanlyn Avenue during a rain event and while the water table was high, to get a better idea of where infiltration was happening. Numerous active leaks in seams, cracks and lateral line tie-in points were witnessed. One bottom seam leak had water shooting up about 3" high and running fast. Manager Rivet consulted with Angelika Forndran, P.E. of Cowan Associates, regarding the excessive infiltration and are recommending that the sewer mains and laterals on Township Road and a section of Nanlyn Avenue be slip-lined as quickly as possible to stop or at least greatly reduce overflows. Ms. Forndran estimates a cost of between \$100,800 to \$173,000 for Pro Pipe to slip line the main sewer line and make lateral repairs. Manager Rivet suggested that the funds be taken from the Sewer Acquisition fund to pay for the repairs.

Mr. Hull moved to hire Pro Pipe to line the sewer pipes at an estimated \$173,000. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hallman and passed with all in favor.

RE-ZONE AMETEK PARCELS

Manager Rivet stated that he had a telephone conversation with Solicitor White, his associate Carrie Nase and Cheryleen Strothers to discuss potential options for the Grace Inspired Ministries project on the AMETEK including potential re-zoning districts for the Ametek parking lot. The discussion kept in mind the desire of Council to leave open the possibility of commercial development if the age-restricted housing complex plan fell through. After considerable discussion, the consensus was to recommend re-zoning the parcels to Neighborhood Commercial District (NC). All the residential uses are the same as the Medium Density (MR) district and there is the ability to have commercial ventures built in it, too.

It was also recommended to re-zone the parcel across Clymer Avenue (tax map parcel 39-008-062) to NC as well. This would allow for a more likely development on the site and is attached to a NC district on the S. Main Street side.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Potoczny moved to re-zone parcels 39-008-039; 39-008-040; 39-008-041 and 39-008-062 to Neighborhood Commercial. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hull and passed with all in favor.

PSAB CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE

The PMC chose Mr. Hull as the borough's voting delegate and Mayor Hufnagle as alternate for the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs conference in June 2018.

MAY PMC MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting date for the Public Management Committee is May 15th which is on Primary Day and some members would not be able to attend. The May meeting was moved to Monday 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER

PMC discussed the Revitalization Committee which has been discussing topics not related to its original mission. Mr. Potoczny will discuss this with the Revitalization Committee chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee, Chairwoman Lois Dodson declared this meeting duly adjourned at 7:53 P.M. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to be on May 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. rather than the regularly scheduled May 15th, due to Primary Day.

Attest:

David J. Rivet, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council