



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop
February 14, 2017
4:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

In attendance:

Kevin Kerr, Chair
Jamie Goncharoff, Vice-Chair
Guy Donatelli, Member
Cary Vargo, Township Manager
Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager

John DeMarco, Police Chief
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
Dave Leh, P.E., Township Engineer

Matt Brown, Municipal Authority Administrator
Katie Cirone, P.E., Township Engineer
Mike Knouse, P.E., Township Engineer
Municipal Authority Members: Bob Watts, Chair; Don Carlson

Planning Commission Members:

Bob Schoenberger, Chair; Sally Winterton, Vice-Chair; Brett Hand, Joe Stoyack, Jim Shrimp, Chad Adams, Bob Phillips

Kevin Kerr called the Workshop to order at 4:03 p.m. and announced an Executive Session regarding personnel had been held beforehand.

Land Development, Wastewater Treatment & Disposal – Long Range Planning Discussion
Cary Vargo provided a summary of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal facilities, including the recently expanded Route 100 Plant, which can treat 600,000 gallons per day (GPD). Several land development plans, both residential and commercial, have recently been approved or are currently in the approval process. One of those is the McKee Group's active adult community on the Fettlers property, which proposes 375 homes, and will necessitate increased treatment (Route 100 WWTF Phase III) and disposal facilities. There's not enough disposal capacity on their site and while the Township has treatment capacity available, sites are needed for disposal. The Authority has been researching sites for disposal purposes and has informally identified 10 properties in the vicinity of existing infrastructure, but out of the Township. The Authority has drafted a 5-year projected budget to plan for future needs and funding.

Matt Brown added that planning and approvals for the Route 100 Plant began more than 18 years ago. Our treated wastewater is land disposed via spray and drip fields, which is very land intensive. Developers' Agreements over those years allowed for the Township buying treatment capacity and disposal capacity for older neighborhoods and Eagle Village businesses. The Township's Act 537 Plan is active and valid for Phases I and II, which has been completed except for the expansion for Byers Road. The McKee development would trigger the need for construction Phase III of the Route 100 WWTF, providing another 300,000 GPD treatment capacity but there's not enough disposal capacity.

A projected borrowing in 2019 of \$6,000,000 could be used for the Township's share of Phase III in the Plant (80%), purchase the land for disposal, and extending the main down Byers Road, currently proposed to Eagle Farms Road.

In answer to Jamie Goncharoff's question, today's workshop is for informational purposes for the Supervisors, Municipal Authority members and Planning Commissions members, to provide an update of the wastewater facilities and what is needed moving forward to service older developments and new developments. Over the next 10 years, we'll need to match disposal areas with the 900,000 GPD of treatment capacity. A very rough estimate would be perhaps 70 acres of land. There isn't much land left in the Township for development or to purchase for disposal.

There was brief discussion regarding what older developments in the Township might need public sewer next and that some of the existing wastewater infrastructure will need repair or replacement. The Authority operating and capital budgets look out 3-5 years and the Authority has gathered a surplus to fund urgent repairs and projects.

The Planning Commission members have drawn concern with the fact that existing subdivision, land development, and zoning ordinances which were adopted 20 years ago couldn't foresee some of the current developments being greater in density than was thought years ago, and that in-fill /redevelopment hasn't been typical.

Next Steps:

Kevin Kerr asked everyone to look over the materials presented today, digest the information and provide any comments to Cary Vargo and Matt Brown. Some of the decisions regarding the Route 100 Plant expansion and disposal capacity are going to be needed in the near-term for the McKee land development project.

The next scheduled Workshop date is March 14, 2017 – 4:00 PM and the next Joint Boards and Commissions Workshop is scheduled for April 11, 2017 – 4:00 PM.

Kevin Kerr introduced Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager, who started with Upper Uwchlan 2 weeks ago.

Open Session

Don Carlson made comments regarding the open space near the Greenridge wastewater treatment facility; adaptive reuse of the Uppatinas school gym building; and perhaps scheduling a meeting of the Upland Farms Advisory Committee to discuss the open areas and passive recreation ideas.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Kevin Kerr adjourned the Workshop at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary