

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 4:00 PM, in the Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John "Sean" Gill; Secretary, Kathy A. Rader; Director of Sewer Operations (DSO), Robert Ibach; Township Manager, Daniel P. Olpere; Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz; and, Engineers William Erdman and Joseph Santilli from Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to provide a briefing to the Board of Supervisors on the projected costs associated with compliance for the Sewer Capacity Assurance and Rehabilitation Program (SCARP); and, if appropriate, to take any necessary related action.

Chairman Brunell opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The meeting was then turned over to William Erdman to brief the Board. Engineer Erdman gave a history of the township's sewer service area and the relationship to the Lehigh County Authority (LCA) Western Lehigh Interceptor. A map was given showing the sewer lines that flow from western Lehigh County to the Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant in Allentown. Other items discussed were: available allocation; banking capacity; and, Kline's Island overflow.

Currently, LCA is under an Administrative Order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to eliminate inflow and infiltration (I & I) from the system. Erdman reported that all municipalities are responsible for removal of the I & I in their systems. To address the issues of the Administrative Order could cost the Western Lehigh signatories (municipalities) millions of dollars.

Over the next ten to fifteen years, all involved municipalities have been ordered to do very aggressive I & I remediation to comply with the Administrative Order. It was noted that Upper Macungie Township has been diligent in reducing I & I, out of the main lines, over the past several years. A pilot project to identify lateral leakage was discussed and will be explored.

Current sewer service rates were discussed. **Chairman Brunell made a motion to authorize Atty. Schantz, DSO Ibach, and representatives from Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. to draft a new sewer rate schedule to be adopted for 2017, to help cover the costs of the required remediation. The motion was seconded by VC Gill and unanimous.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Secretary Rader, and unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.



Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

