

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2008**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr., Gibson Anthony and Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Jennifer Stead, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2008. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$680,145.74.

Mr. Sipes stated that he missed the last meeting due to a sewer leak under Rt. 213. Mr. Sipes stated that this was where new signal wiring was run last year and the collapse was where the trench was dug. Mr. Sipes stated he ran a camera on the line that was broken and discovered a horizontal fracture in the pipe. Mr. Sipes stated that the entire section of line from the upper manhole to Spring Avenue was replaced.

Mr. Sipes stated that when the leak was detected they stopped it at the drainage ditch on Philosopher's Terrace, approximately 600' from the river and pumped the sewage to an existing manhole, which they maintained for the duration of the leak.

Mr. Sipes stated that sampling was performed for fecal coliform and e-coli, which did not show elevated numbers. He said that sampling was started on Thursday, following the Tuesday leak. He said they have been sampling the water weekly since then with no elevated numbers.

Mr. Sipes stated that the Health Department posted signs and a joint press release was issued. He said that the evening of the leak, a written report was filed with MDE and they had inspectors on site the next day.

Mr. Sipes stated that the College was also notified of the leak as they row in the river and had their regatta scheduled for that weekend.

Mr. Sipes stated that a \$6,400.00 pump was purchased for Washington Park.

Mr. Sipes stated that the controls had been repaired at a pump on Flatland Road.

Mr. Sipes stated that the wastewater treatment plant was operating well. He said that they got rid of the chlorination/dechlorination system and installed a UV unit. He said that this would help with chlorination by-products and less overall toxicity to the Chester River.

Mr. Sipes stated that once the filters were started at the wastewater treatment plant they should see the nutrient level drop. He said that at that time they would also begin tours of the site.

Mr. Sipes stated that they needed to order a new a new hopper at the wastewater treatment plant. He said that he contacted the manufacturer because it was only two years old and was hoping that they would get a replacement.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was an electrical problem at the water plant approximately five (5) weeks ago after the deep well pump was replaced. He said that they were trying to get to the bottom of the electrical problem that was burning the well pumps. Mr. Sipes stated that they did find a burnt fuse and Mr. Baldwin suggested that a circuit breaker be installed, which they had ordered.

Mr. Sipes stated that at the wastewater treatment plant they need an effluent composite sampler. He said that the engineer was checking to see if it was a part of the contract, but if it was not would cost approximately \$8,000.00. Mr. Sipes stated that the effluent composite sampler was needed.

There being no further business, **Mr. Bristoll moved for payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Bristoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:   
Jennifer Stead  
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor