VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 3, 2011
Village Hall Conference Room A

CALL TO ORDER: Chmn. Zabel called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL: Chmn. Zabel, Members Hansen, Hull, Killen. Member Zimmermann is excused. Trustee Ewert and Steve Weslowski are present. Tim Zimmerman is present, representing the Sewer Utility.

MINUTES:
MOTION by Bartz, seconded by Hull to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Review of the MMSD Private Property I&I Policy

Tim Zimmerman discussed the Village I/I maintenance program. Village currently complies with peak rate criteria as a whole sewershed. Some metersheds exceed the peak rate criteria. The Village has 8 sewersheds.

A Village contractor will be Investigating 77 laterals west of Pilgrim, north of County Line Road. Study is expected to be completed in March. Study will include.

- Dye injection
- Main sewer camera
- Lateral camera

There have been 2-3 private repairs per year. No Village funding for private laterals. Existing I/I work by the Village is for public mains only. Tim Zimmerman's suggestion is a program to create permanent program to fund I/I maintenance, with optional funding sources:

- Funded by interest of 100% homeowner reimbursement
- Require homeowner fund % of program.
- Require homeowner fund 100% of cost

Program could be used to offset future sewer rate increases.

Suggestion from committee that perpetual program would make sense if we have >$2.5M of work. But we have less. Perpetual fund may not be as critical.

MMSD is increasing capital charge based on assessed value to fund this I/I program for all 29 MMSD communities. The program is expected to be permanent; funding is planned for 10 years, but must be appropriated on a yearly budget basis.

MMSD does not plan for additional major capital improvements beyond the NW relief sewer, and the 35th Street Deep Tunnel expansion.

The last time Village had basement backups was 2005. Capacity was rectified after that project.

Cast iron pipes for houses from the '50's are in poor shape.

Village program will focus on residential homes, not commercial development.

Village sewer rates would still need to stay on same path. Money can't be short-circuited directly to the Sewer Utility to fund this I/I program.

Concern expressed with making residents front the program cost prior to reimbursement. Residents could initial a review prior to year 10, to take part in the program.

Suggested that we only do what is funded by this program, allowing it to end when the MMSD funding ends.

MOTION by Hansen, seconded by Killen to recommend option that Village staff prepare work plan as defined by the MMSD program, generally to include:

- **Village consultant investigates I/I areas of concern, under the 20% DP&I cap.**
- **Set criteria for when laterals need repair.**
- **Village fund repairs under Option 1 of the MMSD program.**
- **Village expenditures shall not exceed yearly distribution.**
- **Investigate options to partner with other communities to realize cost savings on planning and construction costs.**
- **Limit program to direct reimbursement by MMSD, with no perpetual funding approach.**

Motion carried 3-1 (Zabel).

MOTION by Zabel, seconded by Killen to recommend MOTION above, including additional provision:

- **Property owner pays 100% of the repair cost back to the Sewer Utility in 10 equal payments, providing a fund to offset sewer rate increases.**

Motion denied 2-3 (Nays by Hansen, Hull, Bartz).

B. Review of the MMSD Private Property I&I Policy
Next meeting will be March 24, 2011, 7:00pm to review minutes and discuss Village policy statement.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Jim Hansen, Recording Secretary