

OFFICIAL
BOROUGH OF AVALON
RESOLUTION NO. 937

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CALLING UPON THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND ALLEGHNEY COUNTY COUNCIL TO ACT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT "THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDERS (MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTY, TREATMENT AUTHORITIES, ETC.) MUST DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER WORKPLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE CONTAINING AN EVOLVING CONSENSUS OF HOW THE COUNTY SHOULD PROCEED WITH ADDRESSING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS' AND BEGINNING THE WORKPLAN PROCESS BY HOLDING A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development and Roddey Transition Team advocate:

That County leadership is necessary to the development of a cooperative approach to wastewater management in Allegheny County.

The participation of the affected municipalities to develop a regional work-plan, as opposed to individual community efforts.

That the County lead the effort on behalf of the cooperative workplan to obtain public and private financing for the work-plan.

WHEREAS the purpose of the workplan is to implement a cooperative approach between municipalities and between municipalities and Alcosan; and to obtain public and private funding to assist the municipalities effort to comply with federal regulations regarding sewer overflows; and

WHEREAS Avalon Council understands:

That "ALCOSAN' and its customer communities are presently grappling with developing and implementing an acceptable response to federal policy and regulation which require the management and ...elimination of sewage collection system overflows.

Roddey Transition Team, ALCOSAN Report

"(This is the) biggest unfunded mandate ever imposed in (Allegheny County's) history."
County Executive Jim Roddey, The Allegheny League of Municipalities Newsletter,
January, 2000.

“a failure to deal with our wastewater system needs rationally, cooperatively and creatively may, in the short term, lead to a loss of local control over the scope, schedule and cost of fixing the sewers.”

Comprehensive Sanitary Sewage Mgt. Plan, (CSSMP) by the Allegheny County Dept. of Economic Development, (DED).

The consequences of not acting include “the potential to limit growth and economic development through the imposition of future connection bans and the demands on public resources and bonding capacity...” (CSSMP)

“There is a need for a long term reinvestment in the County’s aging sewerage systems that extends beyond, and ultimately overshadows regulatory compliance in importance.” (CSSMP)

“Access to conventional funding sources such as general obligation or revenue bonds by small and low income municipalities is limited and expensive.” (CSSMP)

That securing state and federal funding is necessary to “Encourage and assist municipalities to improve aging infrastructure that contributes to sewage overflows.” (ALCOSAN Report)

A work plan which would assist municipalities “could serve as a basis for negotiations with the regulatory agencies, with the goal of preserving local control and realistic time frames.” (CSSMP)

A coordinated regional effort will generate more Federal and State funding and improve access to affordable capital support than will the independent efforts of municipalities; as demonstrated by the examples given by the DED in their CSSMP report.

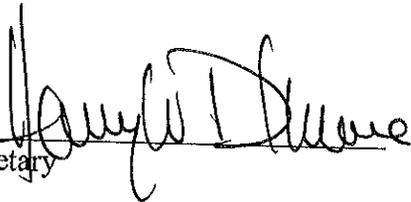
WHEREAS Avalon Council endorses the DED’s recommendation that: “The Wastewater management stakeholders (municipalities, County. treatment authorities, etc.) must develop a comprehensive wastewater workplan and implementation schedule containing an evolving consensus of how the County should proceed with addressing wastewater management needs.”; and (CSSMP)

WHEREAS the DED recommends that the County Executive and County Council formally recognize 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program as the institutional leader in Allegheny County; and that the Roddey Transition Team advocates the expansion of the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program; and

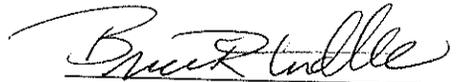
WHEREAS, it is the belief of Avalon Council that elected officials of other Allegheny County municipalities also understand that this issue is best addressed in concert with our municipal neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Avalon Borough calls upon the Allegheny County Executive and Council to act upon the above recommendations by leading the effort to achieve compliance with the Clean Water Act; by bringing all affected communities together into a combined, efficient, and practical effort and by beginning the process of developing a workplan, as detailed above, to assist the municipalities, by scheduling a series of meetings between County and Municipal officials.

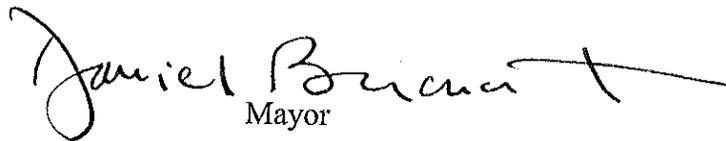
ADOPTED this 21st day of November, 2000.


Secretary

BOROUGH OF AVALON


President

Approved this 21st day of November, 2000.


Mayor