

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, June 1, 2015

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:50 PM in the public meeting room of the Upper Saucon Township Water and Sewer Department office building, 4774 Saucon Creek Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

NOTIFICATION:

All public sessions of the Upper Saucon Township Sewage Treatment Authority are electronically recorded. The recordings are maintained as part of the record of the meeting until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Authority.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Bush - Chairman
Joaquin (Jack) DeMatos - Secretary
Ronald Reybitz - Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer
George Thomas - Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Brienza, Esquire, Solicitor
Karl E. Schreiter Jr. P.E., Engineer
Chris Cope, UST Director of Water and Sewer Resources

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mindy Moore - Vice Chairwoman

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for May 4, 2015. Motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Thomas abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

Authority members may comment on the correspondence packets or the "Summary" which they received.

Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority Correspondence for June Meeting

(NOTE: This is a summary of the correspondence prepared by the Chairman. Details must be obtained by reading the actual correspondence)

Dates the list was prepared or amended - 5/21/2015, 5/26/2015

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Date of letter: 5/12/2015
Letter from: Karl Schreiter, SEA
Letter sent to: Nicholas Stolfus, DESSCO
Subject: Modifications for Influent Pump Station
Contract #19
Change Order #1

(Attached) are three copies of CO #1 regarding filling in the bypass channel with stone and concrete. The channel is no longer needed after the Muffin Monster was removed from the primary channel.
Execute all 3 copies and return them to this office.
Cost of CO - \$ 10,068.00

Date of letter: 5/22/2015
Letter from: Karl Schreiter, SEA (e-mail)
Letter sent to: David Kovach, DRBC
Subject: UST Aeration System Modifications

UST is currently planning on replacing our blowers at the WWTP. We are replacing the existing centrifugal blowers with new positive displacement units.
(Attached) is a PADEP review of the project and they determined that this is normal maintenance that does not require a new Part II Permit from them.
Will UST have to submit this project for review by the Commission since it is normal maintenance and the project will not change the process or capacity rating of the WWTP?
(Attached) is a copy outlining the project.

*****end of correspondence for June

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Gary A. Brienza, Esquire presented his report dated June 1, 2015.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Karl Schreiter, PE presented Engineer's report dated May 29, 2015.

Mr. Schreiter said that they are waiting on parts to begin the Influent Wet Well Modifications.

Mr. Schreiter explained that they are working on a dump station for the Township's vac truck. They are exploring two options: a dumpster-like station or a concrete pad. The dump station is included in the 2015 budget.

Mr. Schreiter reported that the Township has started additional testing to meet the new PADEP requirements. He said that he is not sure if the Township will meet the free cyanide parameter.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Cope reported that the plant is in compliance and everything is running well.

Mr. Cope spoke of the new NPDES permit and the new testing requirements. He said that due to seasonal changes and the new lower levels required, the plant may have a slight non-compliance issue.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

At this meeting Treasurer George Thomas submitted a report including a request for payment to the Authorities' Solicitor. The invoice totals \$2,520.00 for the Authority's approval and requests payment by Upper Saucon Township.

Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report as presented by the treasurer for the payment of \$2,520.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

A motion was made and seconded to approve the issuance of Change Order #1 to Contract # 19, Modifications to Influent Pump Station. The Change Order is for filling in the bypass (wet well) channel with stone and concrete. Amount of the Order is \$ 10,068.00. Ref: SEA's letter dated 5/12/2015

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Township Planning Module for the Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek Project. Ref: SEA letter dated 5/22/2015
Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Possible UST Ordinance for the purpose of adopting and enforcing the standards and regulations promulgated by the PA DEP which recommends that on-lot management ordinance shall include the "removal of septage or other solids from treatment tanks once every five years or whenever an inspection program reveals that the treatment tanks are filled with solids in excess of 1/3 of the liquid depth of the tank or with scum in excess of 1/3 of the liquid depths of the tank".

Ref: "Township of Lower Macungie proposed Ordinance #2013- (to be duly adopted)".

Waste Water Treatment Plant Concerns and increasing development. See Tom Dinkelacker's e-mail dated 7/23/2014

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Township Sewage Treatment Authority is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2015, following the adjournment of the USTMA meeting, in the public meeting room of the Upper Saucon Township Water and Sewer Department office building, located at 4774 Saucon Creek Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority was unanimously adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack DeMatos,
Secretary