

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, October 5, 2015

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 7:43 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
Mindy Moore - Vice Chairwoman
Joaquin (Jack) DeMatos - Secretary
Ronald Reybitz - Asst. Secretary and Treasurer
Mark Sullivan – Asst. Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary A. Brienza, Esquire, Solicitor
Karl E. Schreiter Jr. P.E., Engineer
John Guignet, UST Assistant Director of Water and Sewer Resources

STAFF ABSENT:

Chris Cope, UST Director of Water and Sewer Resources

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for September 8, 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

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

Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority Correspondence for October 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 - 10/1/2015

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Date of letter: 9/25/2015

Letter from: Chris Cope, UST (e-mail)

Letter sent to: J A Berger, PA.Gov

Subject: Redraft Upper Saucon NPDES Permit

Township requests permission to resample for Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) Pthalate in consideration that it may be removed from the proposed NPDES Permit. Proper composite sampling will occur at the approved sampling site and will be flow-proportioned. Collection will occur with Teflon tubing and glass containers with testing done by EPA Method 625. Township will collect one weekly sample for ten weeks. Final data will be entered into the TOXCONC spreadsheet for analysis and ultimately submitted to PaDEP by 1/22/2016.

While we understand that DRBC has requested the addition of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) on the proposed NPDES Permit, the Township is also requesting reasoning for the addition of the following parameters:

- Influent BOD
- Influent Total Suspended Solids
- Effluent Nitrate-Nitrite (as N)
- Effluent Total Nitrogen
- Effluent TKN (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen)
- Effluent Total Phosphorus (increased monitoring from quarterly to monthly)

Please let us know if this allowance is granted.

Date of letter: 10/1/2015

Letter from: James Berger, PaDEP (e-mail)

Letter sent to: Chris Cope, UST

Subject: Redraft Upper Saucon NPDES Permit

You may conduct the additional 10 weeks of weekly sampling for Bis Pthalate, with all results to be submitted by 1/22/2016 to the Department. The Department will determine if the data indicates that the Redraft NPDES Permit should be modified in terms of the constituent's permit limit/monitoring requirement.

Note for following:

- Dept. will be addressing your other public comments on the Redraft NPDES Permit
- Sample analysis should meet the DEP target Quantitation Limit for the constituent in question.
- If you terminate the 10 weeks of sampling early, you must notify the Dept. so that we can proceed to issue the final NPDES Permit, based on available information.

*****end of correspondence list for October meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Gary A. Brienza presented the Solicitor's Report dated October 5, 2015.

Nothing needed to be discussed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Karl Schreiter, PE presented Engineer's report dated October 2, 2015.

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Mr. Schreiter said the layout of the Aeration System Blower is done and they are looking to finalize the plan. The project is moving ahead.

Mr. Schreiter said the Influent Wet Well Modification project is complete except for painting but would like the Authority to approve payment for it falls in 2015.

Concerning the NPDES permit, Mr. Schreiter said the water quality manager is no longer employed there and he was the only person who could approve permits. The Township is proceeding with the sampling program and will use teflon tubing in glass jars to eliminate any contamination.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Guignet said the plant is in good condition and is in compliance.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Treasurer Ronald Reybitz submitted a report including a request for payment to the Authorities' Solicitor. The invoice totals \$1,665.00 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 and for the payment of \$1,665.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

Motion was made and seconded to approve the payment request from DESCCO Design and Construction Co. for \$40,474.00 for *Contract #19 – Modifications to Influent Pump Station*: Ref: SEA letter dated October 2, 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 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".

A copy of the Lower Macungie Township Ordinance #2013-09 was given to each member of the Authority at the September meeting.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Redraft of Upper Saucon NPDES Permit. Karl and Chris will discuss the letter from James Berger, PaDEP dated 8/26/2015. Copy of Berger's letter was provided to each member of the Authority at the September meeting.

B. 2016 Capital Sewer Budget

Motion made and seconded to accept the draft of the 2016 Capital Sewer Budget as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Township Sewage Treatment Authority is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 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 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack DeMatos,
Secretary