

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, March 4, 2019

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:52pm 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Bush – Chairman

Ronald Reybitz - Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer

Joaquin (Jack) DeMatos - Vice Chairman

Ryan Holmes - Secretary

Mark Sullivan – Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary A. Brienza, Esquire, Solicitor
Andy Bohl P.E., Engineer
Farley Fry P.E., Engineer
Chris Cope, UST Director of Water and Sewer Resources

VISITORS:

None

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for February 2019 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

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

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

No correspondence

***** end of the list of correspondence for March

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated March 4, 2019 was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Mr. Brienza stated that he has not received a response for the TRE so an appeal will need to be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board by the end of March.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented Engineer's Report dated March 4, 2019.

Mr. Fry said he has received payment application #2 for the motor control center for the electrical system upgrade at the Plant in the amount of \$226,800.00. This has been approved by Bill Ramage of Paragon Engineering.

Mr. Fry has also received payment application #3 which has also been approved by Bill Ramage at Paragon Engineering in the amount of \$22,500.00 for half of the wiring and conduit.

Mr. Fry will need two motions to approve these payments. After these payments have been made it would bring the total amount paid to 75% of the total project.

Mr. Fry noted that the survey of the secondary clarifier, the building that houses the old contact tank, UV system and effluent flow measurement system has been completed using a laser 3D scanning system. He will have drawings soon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Cope said that some work was done on the new UV building. A new breezeway overhang was installed as well as the replacement and installation of a new louver and exhaust fan.

Mr. Cope noted that he has not received any DEP response regarding the violation.

Chris Cope mentioned that the Bis-2 became a limit starting March 1, 2019 so it's no longer a monitor only. That means that if we were to get a hit, it would no longer be just the astronomical amount we pay for testing but a violation as well.

Mr. Cope said the plant is in compliance.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Treasurer Mark Sullivan submitted a report including one requests for payment from the Solicitor for the period between January 21, 2019 and February 21, 2019. The invoice dated February 26, 2019 is for general matters in the amount of \$870.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented and for payment in the amount of \$870.00 to the Township Solicitor.

Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION (S):

Motion made and seconded to approve payment application number 2 the motor control center for the electrical system upgrade at the Plant in the amount of \$226,800.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded to approve payment application number 3 in the amount of \$22,500.00 for half of the wiring and conduit.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bush stated that as per the 537, eventually the Township may have to prepare to become a sewer management district; however the County is considering forming a department to manage this.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, April 1, 2019 following the adjournment of the USTMA meeting, at the Water and Sewer Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority was unanimously adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Holmes
Secretary