

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, July 1, 2019

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:45pm 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, Director of Water and Sewer Resources
John Guignet, UST Asst. 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 from June 2019 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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 for this meeting.

***** end of the list of correspondence for July

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CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated July 1, 2019 was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Mr. Brienza has nothing new to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented Engineer's Report dated July 1, 2019.

Mr. Fry said that the electrical upgrade continues and is going well. Everything should be switched over by next week.

Mr. Fry noted that he had recently visited two other treatment plants to look at screens they have in place. One that he looked at was a "Hydrodyne" which can be installed right where the influent pipe enters the Plant instead of going through the pumps first, as our Plant currently does. This would help protect the pumps. The Plant Operators really liked these screens. Chris Cope mentioned that it appears this would be a good fit as part of our Plant upgrade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Cope said that Axiom replaced the rotor gear box on the thickener which had been leaking. They also replaced a check valve that had failed.

Mr. Cope also mentioned that our new 5MGD pump had an issue with the ground fault on the VFD and that he's working with Xylem to get that resolved.

Mr. Cope told the Authority that the Plant continues to battle flow and temperature changes.

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 general matters during the period between May 29, 2019 and June 14, 2019. The invoice is dated June 26, 2019 in the amount of \$990.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented and for payment in the amount of \$990.00 to the Township Solicitor.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, August 5, 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 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Holmes
Secretary