

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, June 1, 2020

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 7:05 pm via a virtual meeting.

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, Solicitor
Andy Bohl P.E., Engineer
Farley Fry P.E., Engineer (ABSENT)
John Guignet, Acting Director of Water and Sewer Resources
Patrick Lambert, Director of Water and Sewer Resources
Ed Rasich, 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 as presented from May 2020.

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).

Date prepared or revised: 5/18/2020

Date of letter: 5/13/2020

Letter from: Andrew Bohl, Hanover Engineering (email)

Letter sent to: Tom Beil, UST, and others

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Subject: 2019 Annual Pretreatment Report ---- 2nd and 3rd request letters to facility owners

(Attached) is a copy of the second request letter to Agentis Car Wash and a third notice to the following firms. These firms have not responded to our December 2019 request for their annual report.

HMB Hotels, Social Club, High Hotel, Spring Valley Inn

Date of letter: 5/14/2020

Letter from: Wendy Sinko, UST (email)

Letter sent to: Daphne Gombosi, UST

Subject: Invoice

A Statement was received from Paragon Engineering Services, dated 5/8/2020, regarding invoices dated 12/31/19 and 1/31/2020 which remain unpaid.

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Invoice 12/31/2019 - \$ 980.00

Invoice 1/31/2020 - \$ 140.00

According to Wendy's search of the January minutes the Authority did not make a motion to approve the payment. Please determine if the invoices were paid.

Daphne replied she found no payment was made on either invoice. Mark suggested that Farley approach Paragon get copies of the invoices and review them for further handling.

***** end of the list of correspondence for June

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated June 1, 2020 was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza reported that Valley Manor has withdrawn their appeal to the Coopersburg lawsuit and are putting plans together to address the leaking sewer connection and I&I issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andy Bohl presented Farley Fry, PE, Engineer's Report dated May 29, 2020.

Mr. Bohl reported that Wind Gap Electric has not been working since COVID, but they are expected to return in the next week or so to finish up the Plant Electrical System Upgrade

Mr. Bohl said that we are going to maintain the Partial Flum and go with the Enoqua system UV system. The current Trojan system is allowing 1.7-2 MGD of UV disinfectant. The new system will treat up to 10 MGD.

Andy Bohl noted that the NPDES permit is about 80% complete and is due in October.

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Mr. Bohl said the hauling contract was awarded to Franc Environmental and will go into effect July 1.

Mr. Bohl reported that they are looking into the organic capacity of irrigation tanks and are hoping to find a way to increase capacity before having to build a new plant.

Bruce Bush noted that the two invoices Farley had from Paragon Engineering are paid out of the capital fund at the Township and that there is no need for the Authority to approve.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Lambert discussed max flows (which we have not seen in years) and if we keep decreasing the I&I our max capacity should remain under 8 ½ MGD. Our flows are down, and the Plant has been averaging 1.8 MGD. On-going repairs to the sewer main should also help to keep flows down.

Mr. Lambert said that he is looking to add SCADA equipment at the Plant for better monitoring.

Mr. Lambert said that WETT and NPDES samples are being collected for Farley so he can finalize his report.

Mr. Lambert said the plant is in compliance.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Treasurer Mark Sullivan noted that this month there is one invoice for approval. This month the Solicitor's firm has submitted a request for payment of general matters between 4/23/2020 and 5/4/2020 in the amount of \$1,270.50

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Solicitor's Invoice from May 26, 2020 as presented for payment in the amount of \$1,270.50 to the Township Solicitor.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, July 6, 2020 following the adjournment of the USTMA meeting, at the Water and Sewer Building.

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ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority was unanimously adjourned at approximately 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Holmes
Secretary

