

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, August 2, 2021

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:33 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Bush – Chairman
Ronald Reybitz - Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer
Joaquin (Jack) DeMatos - Vice Chairman
Ryan Holmes - Secretary
Mark Sullivan – Treasurer - **ABSENT**

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary A. Brienza, Esquire, Solicitor
Andy Bohl P.E., Engineer
Farley Fry P.E., Engineer
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 from July 2021 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously with Ron Reybitz abstaining.

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

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated August 2, 2021, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza said that attached to his report is the response from Coopersburg as to what they are doing and what they plan to do to address their exceedances. He wanted to point out that since Coopersburg has begun to enforce there recently enacted ordinance pertaining to sewer later inspection upon sale of property, they have found several laterals with root intrusion which allows I&I. He mentions this because he has not heard anything regarding a similar ordinance for UST that the Authority would like to put in place. The Authority feels this would be an effective way to help UST reduce I&I issues as well. A meeting with Coopersburg is scheduled for September to come up with a plan, and prioritize the issues.

Attorney Brienza mentioned that the Coopersburg Diner has a significant grease issue. The owner has been notified, is aware of the problem, and has indicated he will address the issue.

Ryan Holmes asked Attorney Brienza what can be done to make sure the Diner, or any place else where issues are found, are emptying their grease traps on a regular basis? Attorney Brienza said this an item that will be discussed at the September meeting that is scheduled with Coopersburg. Jack DeMatos added that there should be proof (manifests) that they are having the grease traps pumped as often as they say they are. Patrick Lambert suggested that maybe we have Coopersburg submit an IPP? Mr. Bush suggested that Coopersburg also investigate Burger King, Turkey Hill, the Fire Company Restaurant, the Brew Pub on Main Street and all the other restaurants in the shopping center, on 309 and on Main Street.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated July 29, 2021.

Mr. Fry said that the structural drawings for the UV system are complete and have been submitted to DEP. The drawings have also been sent to the electrical engineer for final review. Once complete, a bidding schedule can be put together. The project should take about 16-24 weeks if they don't have any issues getting materials. We could open the bid this fall with construction to begin in early spring.

Mr. Fry noted that he still has not received a response on the notice of violation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasich reported that the West clarifier is currently empty to repair an arm and will be refilled on Thursday.

Mr. Rasich said that SLSD had polyethylene glycol to dispose of from their boiler. The Plant release a little at a time into the system which had no affect on the Plant. In total, it was about 3000 gallons.

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Mr. Rasich told the Authority members that the UV system was cleaned, and some bulbs were changed.

Mr. Rasich noted that WET testing is scheduled to be done in August.

Mr. Rasich reported that they interviewed for the laborer position after receiving about 125 applications and are in the process of making an offer to one candidate.

Patrick Lambert noted that the TSS leaving the Plant tonight was 2.6, some of the lowest ever and the flow is averaging about 1.2 MGD.

Mr. Bush asked whether Good Shepard will be monitored for radioactive material? Andy Bohl responded that they have not submitted an IPP yet but once they do, he will see if they intend to have any radioactive material at their rehab facility.

Mr. Rasich said the plant is in compliance.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Assistant Treasurer Ron Reybitz needs approval for the Solicitors invoice dated July 28, 2021, for general matters between July 1, 2021, and July 27, 2021, in the amount of \$1,303.50. The report does not need approval this month.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Solicitor's invoice as presented, in the amount of \$1,303.50 to the Township Solicitor.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be **Tuesday**, September 7, 2021, 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 7:03 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Holmes
Secretary