UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, March 1, 2021 4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Bruce Bush called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:56 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

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 January 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 March 1, 2021 was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza reported that Coopersburg has confirmed the contractor for Valley Manor is supposed to begin work, mid-month. They anticipate the work to take three weeks.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:
Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated March 1, 2021.

Mr. Fry reported that he is wrapping up the drawings for the electrical UV system. They will soon be ready for the Township to do a final review before being submitted to the DEP.

Mr. Fry said he investigated alternate uses that would utilize existing tanks at the Plant and found that an IFast system is a possibility. It would enable the Plant to expand the current system up to 4 MGD's using the existing tanks, which would almost double the capacity. It would also enable the addition of nutrient removal which will help as regulations become more stringent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
Mr. Rasich reported that the Plant has had high flows with rain and snow melt, but levels are better than in previous years. The Plant was around 4 MGD and the Plant Foreman said that in the past they would have probably been closer to 6 MGD.

Mr. Rasich said that they are still getting lettuce in the anoxic tanks and that they are not sure where this is coming from.

Mr. Rasich noted that there is some grease coming into the Spring Valley Pump Station.

Mr. Rasich told the Authority that the Plant had a one-million-gallon pump in the wet well where the check valve went bad but has since been replaced.

Mr. Rasich reported that the contractor for the new garage did not have proper brackets on pipes exiting the roof. The vent pipe broke off right at the concrete, so they are going to have to chip some of the concrete out and put another pipe in with a brace. The exhaust for the heating also did not have proper bracing.

Mr. Rasich said the plant is in compliance.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):
Treasurer Mark Sullivan noted that since there was no February meeting, he needs approval for the last two months of Solicitor invoices for general matters. The first is for the period between January 7 and January 22, 2021 in the amount of $1,303.50 and the second is for the period between January 28 and February 15, 2021 in the amount of $445.50 for a combine total of $1,749.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve both Solicitor's Invoice's from January and February 2021 as presented and for a combine payment in the amount of $1,749.00 to the Township Solicitor.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:
Patrick Lambert told the Authority that a SCADA system for the Plant is in the works.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, April 5, 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 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Holmes
Secretary