

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, February 6, 2023,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:57 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:

Joaquim (Jack) DeMatos - Chairman
Mark Sullivan – Treasurer
Zachary Karasek – Secretary
John Guignet – Vice Chairman
Michael Shafer – Asst. Secretary/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 2023 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Authority members may comment on the correspondence packets they received.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated February 6, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza indicated that Coopersburg is working to complete the Chapter 94 information to submit to Andy. They had a handful of lateral inspection this month

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resulting in a discussion about I&I projects they would like to complete this year. For now, they are focusing on meter replacements and winter weather operations, if necessary.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated February 6, 2023.

Mr. Fry said Eastern Environmental pulled the coffer dam. Overall, he is happy with the work they have done. They added anchor posts where safety vests can be attached. They are finished except for a few minor items. Eastern has submitted payment request #9 for \$15,675.00 which includes everything but retainage. This will need a motion for approval tonight. Farley will issue a short punch list. The electrical portion is far behind schedule due to supply issues. The leakage that was reported last month seems to be gone. Eastern submitted change order #2 for \$17,456.00 to fix the leak. This will also need a motion for approval tonight. Initially the flow depth in the new UV System seemed to be incorrect but after calculations were reviewed it appears to be spot on. Overall, the Enaqua unit is running well. Farley reached out to the electrical contractor to see where they stand. They are still waiting on two E2 panels so for now, the temporary electrical will have to remain in place. Maintenance on the Trojan unit cannot be done until the electrical is complete.

Mr. Fry said that after investigating the new testing levels DEP issued for our NPDES permit, it was determined there are no companies that can test that low. He reached out to DEP with this information, and they have now issued testing levels that Suburban Testing Labs says they will be able to meet.

Mr. Fry noted that the hauling contract expires in June, and he has assembled the draft documents. Next month he will ask the Authority to advertise to solicit bids.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasich reported that the Plant is in compliance.

Mr. Rasich reported that he had still been waiting for a quote on the gear box for the bar screen. He just received it right before the meeting so he will process a purchase order.

Mr. Rasich noted that the influent flow meter stopped working and Moyer Instruments came out to make the repair.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Mark Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report and needs approval for one request for payment from the Solicitor for general matters for the period of 1/3/23 through 1/23/23, in the amount of \$1,794.50.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Solicitor's Invoice as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION (S):

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the UST Sewage Planning Module for the plan revision of Lot 4 in Saucon Creek Office Park. Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter dated 1/20/23.

Motion passed with Zachary Karasek abstaining.

Motion was made and seconded to approve payment application #9 for Eastern Environmental Contractors in the amount of \$15,675.00 for work completed on the ultraviolet disinfection system. Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter dated 2/1/23.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve change order #2 for Eastern Environmental in the amount of \$17,456.00 for caulking and coating joints to eliminate minor leakage in the new UV System. Ref: Change order dated 2/1/23.

Motion Passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, March 6, 2023, 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 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary