

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, August 7, 2023,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:38 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 - **ABSENT**
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 June 2023 as presented.

Motion passed with John Guignet and Mike Shafer abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Authority members may comment on the correspondence packets they received.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated August 7, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza reported that Coopersburg found many failing laterals during inspections in June and July that needed remediation. Coopersburg also had issues

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with manhole covers during recent heavy rains, so they have purchased several bolt-down manhole lids. There has been no update from Dave Busch.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated August 3, 2023.

Mr. Fry said Enaqua replaced outlets which seemed to have solved the problem with the bulbs. The electrical contractor completed punch list items last week, so Bill Ramage needs to do a site visit and confirm that all items have been addressed before we release funds.

Mr. Fry said that the airline replacement drawings have been modified and are now waiting for the structural engineer to provide footing and wind load requirements and geotechnical design.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Lambert said that the Plant is in compliance.

Mr. Lambert reported that the fiberglass digester stairs have been installed.

Mr. Lambert noted that the new UV system is working great and that the fecal counts have been very low.

Mr. Lambert told the Authority that a new plant truck with a plow was delivered this week.

Mr. Lambert said that the airline replacement at the plant is a high priority and is being considered an emergency.

Mr. Lambert told the Authority that John Cziraki, the plant foreman has announced his retirement which will be in July of 2024.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Mark Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report and needs approval for two requests for payment from the Solicitor for general matters: one for the period of 5/30/23 through 6/27/23, in the amount of \$1,424.50 and the other for the period of 7/5/23 through 7/26/23 in the amount of \$129.50. He needs approval for a total of \$1,554.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be **Tuesday**, September 5, 2023, 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 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary