

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, June 5, 2023,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:30 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 - **ABSENT**

Michael Shafer – Asst. Secretary/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 May 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 June 5, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza reported that Coopersburg lateral inspections found two laterals with complete breaks in the lines.

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Solicitor Brienza said that there will be a meeting scheduled with Coopersburg Diner to discuss the grease issues.

Solicitor Brienza noted that Coopersburg should have all the requested information to Dave Busch by next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated June 1, 2023.

Mr. Fry said he sent a detailed email to Enaqua to establish a time period that the warranty should begin. Tom Radar indicated that the warranty started when the timer switch was installed but Farley has no information on when that was done. Tom Radar was also out to replace bulbs and rack indicator lights. Bulbs are still going off randomly. The unit is providing satisfactory performance. The fecal coliform counts are very low. Farley is holding 2 ½ % retainage from Eastern. There is a motion for payment application #3 from PSI Pumping Solutions in the amount of \$29,925.00 for work completed on the electrical system. That would leave 5% retainage on the electrical portion. Bill Ramage of Paragon does not believe the problems are electrical related.

Mr. Fry said that the airline replacement cost estimate came in at \$260,000 last year. The cost has likely increased. The leaks have gotten worse and will now require two aeration tank blowers, especially during hot days. An emergency repair recommendation letter to Tom Beil from Gary Brienza will be required saying that it meets the criteria for an emergency, so it doesn't have to go out for bid.

Jack DeMatos asked what the line would be replaced with since the current pipe is severely corroded. Farley told Jack that they are looking at stainless steel, schedule 40, 304 and that he wants to bring it right up through the building, under the floor.

Mr. Fry noted that LCA would be the backup disposal site under the new sludge hauling bid. The lowest bidder was Wind River, their bid would save the Township \$137,000 over a three-year period. Farley recommends awarding Wind River the bid.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasich said that the Plant is in compliance.

Mr. Rasich reported that a temporary blower rental will need to go out to bid unless the airline replacement is declared an emergency.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Mark Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report and needs approval for a request for payment from the Solicitor for general matters for the period of 4/26/23 through 5/23/23, in the amount of \$1,535.00.

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 recommend payment #3 to PSI Pumping Solutions for work completed on the UV System, electrical contract 2 in the amount of \$29,925.00. Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter dated 6/1/23.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to award the biosolids sludge hauling contract to Wind River Environmental, dba/Franc Environmental for Alternate B. Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter dated 6/1/23.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, July 10, 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 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary