

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, March 6, 2023,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:44 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 - **ABSENT**

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 February 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 March 1, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

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Solicitor Brienza indicated that Coopersburg has been popping manhole's and think they are having an issue on Locust Street with a private lateral, but they have been unable to find the source of the flow.

Attorney Brienza has reviewed the sludge hauling contract bid for Farley.

Solicitor Brienza feels that not all the money should be released for the new UV system installation until the issues are resolved and the electrical is completed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

Mr. Fry said the electrical contractor for the new UV system has been unable to get the panels needed to complete the job. Last they checked delivery was estimated at the end of March. He feels not all the funds should be released to the General Contractor until the project is complete and all the problems are fixed. The General Contractor did not submit their payment request in time for this meeting so they can see where things stand before the next meeting. There have been several issues with the Enaqua unit and Eastern still needs to submit as built drawings. Enaqua said they will guarantee their unit, so Farley has requested a certification. The lights on the Enaqua unit are turning off randomly. John Cziraki feels it may have something to do with an "O" ring, so he and Farley have compiled a detailed email to submit to Enaqua. The unit also does not restart automatically following a period of no flow, where the Trojan unit did. Farley would like Enaqua to reprogram the unit, so it does restart automatically. Also, the cleaning kit Enaqua provided is very difficult to use. When they shut down a clarifier to clean, they can access the tubes to be cleaned much easier, but this cannot be done during periods of high flow. John Cziraki was reading the manual for the new unit, and it states that the heat exchange system must be cleaned and back flushed quarterly but it provides no connections to do so. Jack DeMatos feels there are enough issues to justify holding final payment.

Mr. Fry said that he has increased the volume of sludge for the new contract based on actual numbers. Hazelton is still a back up for disposal. He needs approval tonight to advertise the sludge hauling contract.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Lambert said that the Plant is in compliance.

Mr. Lambert reported that the fecals are down with the new UV system.

Mr. Lambert noted that DO probes are still being installed and they had an issue with the transmitter.

Mr. Lambert said that he is going to try and bring the new UV system data into the SCADA system so it can be monitored off-site.

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Mr. Lambert told the Authority that he has issued a PO for the digester stairs and new platform. He is hoping they will be installed before the May Plant tour.

Mr. Lambert reported that they are still having an issue with the Parkson gear box and Parkson has not responded in a timely manner, getting us a new quote.

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 2/3/23 through 2/24/23, in the amount of \$1,350.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the advertisement for a new 3-year sludge hauling contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, April 3, 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 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary