

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, January 8, 2024,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:37 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 - **ABSENT**
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
Jonathan Barron, UST Asst. Director of Water and Sewer Resources

REORGANIZATION:

A motion was made to appoint the same slate of officers in the same capacity and seconded for Election of Officers, Appointments, and Meeting Dates/times in the Municipal Authority meeting of January 8, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

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:

MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from December 2023 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously with John Guignet abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Authority members may comment on the correspondence packets or the "Summary" which they received.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated January 8, 2024, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Tim Paashaus said they had 2 sewer lateral inspections in December. Neither showed any issues. Locking manhole covers have been delivered but have not been installed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated January 8, 2024.

Mr. Fry said the Enaqua system meets all disinfection requirements. Tom Rader installed a data logger which suggests a harmonic issue. Innovative Controls was in to do some testing and will issue a report as to whether they agree with that.

The Electrical Contract payment recommendation for \$6800 was made at the last meeting but was not on the agenda for approval at this meeting.

The airline replacement concrete footings have been poured and the pipe has been delivered. The drawing showing placement of all fittings has been reviewed and the piers have been delivered.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron reported that the Plant is in compliance.

The UV System seems to be operating properly at this time.

The airline replacement piers are in. There were some issues during the process, but the concrete is poured, and the project is moving along.

Axiom will be replacing bolts on pumps 3 & 4 flanges.

There was a lot of I&I in December with 10+ inches of rain and another large storm is expected tomorrow. The Plant was peaking at about 10.5 MGD which is more than designed so it backed up into aeration tank. John slowed down influent which caused a few manholes to surcharge.

Jack asked about the sludge truck that had a hit and sat for almost 2 weeks. Patrick said we are no longer allowed to haul to LCA. Patrick is working on getting some answers.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

No report for January. January's report will be presented at the February meeting.

MOTION (S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, February 5, 2024, 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 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary