

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, September 3, 2024, 4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order at 7:18 pm the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority 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 - **ABSENT**

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary A. Brienza, Esquire, Solicitor
Andy Bohl P.E., Engineer
Farley Fry P.E., Engineer - **ABSENT**
Patrick Lambert, Director of Water and Sewer Resources
Jonathan Barron, UST Asst. Director of Water and Sewer Resources

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 August 2024, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Brienza presented his report of September 3, 2024.

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Tim Paashaus reported to Solicitor Brienza five (5) failed inspections in July and August. Three (3) were fixed last month. Mr. Paashaus noted that the inspection program is working. The section in the center of the line could not have been found without it.

Mr. Paashaus also mentioned that the Borough was inquiring about the status of completing the agreement with the township which is still being evaluated. Gary will follow up with Tom Beil regarding reporting to Mr. Paashaus on that.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andy Bohl presented the Engineer report for Farley Fry.

Sludge Thickening / Disposal – Representatives of the Township will be attending the WEFTEC Conference October 2025 to review technologies relative to biosolids management and treatment.

537 – Reviewing Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) options and technologies.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron reported that the plant is operating within permit.

August 12 Jeff Zimmerman replaced the check valve in wet well and is working well.

GC Electric replaced the light at the plant light pole that was not working. Two to three lights will be replaced and upgraded to brighter stadium type lighting.

Aeration Basins – October is scheduled for west oxic tank cleanings. Handrails will be replaced in September.

Actuators are working. ICSES was here and reported all are working up to standards.

Cleaning and flushing of the UV System will be done.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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 7/31/2024 – 8/5/2024, in the amount of \$592.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Solicitor's Invoice dated August 27, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Acquisition of Borough of Coopersburg sewer lines. A letter was hand delivered to Tom Beil's office on August 3, 2022, requesting permission from the UST BOS to begin discussions regarding the acquisition. At the September meeting Gary reported that he spoke to Tom Beil and that Tom was going add to the 2023 Budget the cost for the study to be conducted by Dave Busch. Acquisition of Borough of Coopersburg sewer lines. A letter was hand delivered to Tom Beil's office on August 3, 2022, requesting permission from the UST BOS to begin discussions regarding the acquisition. At the September meeting Gary reported that he spoke to Tom Beil and that Tom was going add to the 2023 Budget the cost for the study to be conducted by Dave Busch.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday October 7, 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 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary