

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, April 3, 2023,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:33 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
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 March 2023 as presented.

Motion passed with Zachary Karasek abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Authority members may comment on the correspondence packets they received.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor's Report dated March 29, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza indicated that Coopersburg found two laterals during March that failed inspections. The borough manager asked about the status of the takeover. Next month

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Gary hopes to have the contract so the board can approve it at the meeting and then it can be executed.

Jack asked Patrick if he noticed any difference in I&I in Coopersburg since they're finding all these issues when inspecting sewer laterals at time of sale in accordance with their ordinance? Patrick said he has not seen the numbers change.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated March 30, 2023.

Mr. Fry said the electrical control panel for the new UV system has come in. Most of the problems the Plant experienced have been resolved and seem to have likely been caused by the temporary power system. Eastern Environmental sent a payment application request. Next month they should be able to submit their final payment application. Since PSI Pumping Solutions got their panels in they should also be submitting a payment application next month. Bill Ramage of Paragon Engineering needs to schedule a site visit and give final approval.

Mr. Fry said that the sludge hauling contract was advertised and bids are due April 21, 2023. Next month he will have the recommendation to award the bid.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasich said that the Plant is in compliance.

Mr. Rasich reported that the Plant is getting good results from the new UV system.

Mr. Rasich noted that there was a problem with pump #1 in the wet well. Zylem came in and determined it was the VFD and not the pump.

Mr. Rasich said that the screen on YSI is having issues. NorthEast Tech is going to come in and look to see if they can figure out what's wrong.

Mr. Rasich told the Authority that with the new UV system problems they had to use the old Trojan system, which then had PLC issues. Between the two systems the Plant was ok and remained in compliance.

Mr. Rasich reported that a new bar screen gear box has been ordered.

Jack asked Ed if the old Trojan unit is going to remain or be removed? Ed replied that it is going to remain. Jack then asked how often the new UV system will need to be cleaned? Farley said it will depend on flow, could be monthly could be every few months.

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 3/1/23 through 3/20/23, in the amount of \$703.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

Motion was made and seconded to approve payment application #10 from Eastern Environmental Contractors in the amount of \$39,818.20 for Contract 1 General for the UV Disinfection System.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to approve endorsement of PA DEP planning module by the Township and endorsement of Upper Saucon Township sewage facilities planning module for Strawberry Hill residential subdivision for a total of 22 EDU's. Ref: Hanover Engineering letter dated March 28, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, May 1, 2023, following the Plant tour at 5PM and 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 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary