

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, February 5, 2024,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Vice Chairman John Guignet called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:43 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 - **ABSENT**

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

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 January 2024 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously with John Guigent and Mike Shafter abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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

Tim Paashaus, Coopersburg Borough Manager said his Public Works Director has issued a violation notice to Coopersburg Diner.

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David Busch reviewed information provided and asked Tim Paashaus for additional information.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report dated February 5, 2024.

Mr. Fry said the Enaqua system meets all effluent requirements. Since December 13 there have not been any glitches to the system. They will have met our 30-day requirement of no issues with the system in order for their final payment request to be approved as of February 11. Therefore, Farley is recommending final payment to Eastern Environmental contingent upon holding check until February 11 in the amount of \$15,395.20.

The Electrical Contractor with PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. has submitted a final payment request for approval in the amount of \$6,825.00.

The emergency airline replacement contract with Zimmerman Environmental, LLC is complete. The Structural Engineer came out to inspect and was happy with everything. They have submitted a payment application for \$168,306.58. Leaving just under \$40,000.00 remaining on contract.

Patrick is going to put a punch list together for a few minor remaining items.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron reported that the Plant is in compliance.

The Plant was running 2 blowers at 55% before the airline replacement, now after the airline has been replaced 1 blower is running at 72%.

Still working with Axiom to get bolts replaced on influent pump.

Had a problem with RAZ pump - VFD was overheating. Patrick is getting a quote on getting VFD replaced.

Actuators for aeration basins have been ordered. The Plant is replacing the remaining 6.

TREASURER'S INVOICE(S):

Mark Sullivan was absent from the meeting but submitted his report for Authority review.

MOTION (S):

Motion made and seconded to approve release of final payment to Zimmerman Environmental, LLC for work completed through 1/24/2024 in the amount of \$168,306.58.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion made and seconded to approve release of final payment in amount of \$15,395.20 to Eastern Environmental to be released after February 11, 2024, contingent upon no problems or false alarms with system prior to that date.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded to approve release of final payment to PSI Pump Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$6,825.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, March 4, 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 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary