

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order the regular meeting of the Upper Saucon Sewage Treatment Authority at approximately 6:38 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 August 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 September 5, 2023, was presented by Solicitor Brienza.

Solicitor Brienza reported that Coopersburg had many laterals that failed inspection this month. They expect the locking manhole's that were ordered to be delivered this month

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and will be installed shortly thereafter. Coopersburg still has not received an update from Dave Busch. They are working with Coopersburg Diner to keep the Diner in compliance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

Mr. Fry said the Enaqua unit is performing well. Parts are still backordered but will hopefully be in later this month. PSI was on site today to wrap up punch list items. Jack DeMatos asked Farley if Paragon Engineering is going to come and do an electrical inspection now that PSI says their work is complete? Farley said they would be.

Mr. Fry said that Kleinfelder, the airline replacement contractor, did the boring for the piers. They did not do one next to the mechanical building because there are so many things underground there.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasich said that the Plant is in compliance even though the plant lost power and communication from the storm on August 7.

Mr. Rasich reported that also due to the storm, trees on the neighboring property need to be cleaned up.

Mr. Rasich noted that a contractor came in and applied new roof coating to the lab and facilities buildings at the plant.

Mr. Rasich told the Authority that the actuator failed on aeration basin number 4.

Mr. Rasich said that ENELX energy said the plant may have to run on its generator due to the heat over the next few days.

Mr. Rasich told the Authority that the west aeration valve is going to need to be replaced and has been added to the budget for next year.

Mr. Rasich reported that there is a partial restriction in the pipe from the clarifier to the splitter. They tried to jet it and that didn't work. A proposal to replace the piping has been received.

Patrick Lambert added that the sludge hauling contract with Franc Environmental (Wind River) was renewed, effective July 1, 2023. He noticed that they are hauling 2 loads to LCA and 1 load to Hatfield which is not what is stated in the contract. He said we could mandate what the contract says, which is that all loads go to LCA. However, Hatfield provides a sludge analysis where LCA does not. So, while it may cost a little more to do it this way, it might be good to have that analysis.

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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 8/1/23 through 8/30/23, in the amount of \$1,073.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Upper Saucon Township Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 5039 Route 309 for a proposed medical building. REF: Hanover Engineering's email dated 8/29/23.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be **Monday**, October 2, 2023, 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 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary