

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, March 3, 2025,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order at 6:27 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

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 February 2025, as presented.

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's presented his report for March 2025.

Coopersburg – Tim Paashaus indicated there were 3 lateral inspections last month with one having an issue that was found and corrected. Another had a recommendation for cleaning, the third had no issues.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry presented his report of February 27, 2025.

NPDES - A 3rd draft permit was received in February. Mr. Fry discussed the contents of this with the members. More information is being gathered and discussed to get an understanding of the necessary modifications.

Plant expansion – It was discussed about technology to consider for future upgrades. Mr. Fry presented MOB (Mobile Organic Biofilm) process and AquaNereda process and their requirements which need to be fully evaluated.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron presented his report.

The Plant is operating within permit.

Influent Pumps – There was a grease event on Monday February 24. This has been taken care of.

Ammonia has been up in February and that came down at the end of the month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mark Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report and needs approval for payment from the Solicitor's invoice for general matters for the period of 1/29/25 – 2/7/2025, in the amount of \$314.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan also reported he has provided all requested Treasurer's reports to the Township Auditor's.

MOTION (S):

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 to add to the 2023 Budget the cost for the study to be conducted by Dave Busch.

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NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday April 7, 2025, 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 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary