

# UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, April 1, 2024,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order at 7:05 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 **ABSENT**  
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 (via phone)  
Patrick Lambert, Director of Water and Sewer Resources  
Jonathan Barron, UST Asst. Director of Water and Sewer Resources **ABSENT**

## **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 March 4, 2024, 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 presented his April report.

Coopersburg – Supplemental information requested by Mr. Busch has been supplied. Mr. Busch indicated to Mr. Paashaus that he would have a preliminary report by the end of March. The report has not yet been received so Mr. Paashaus will follow with Mr. Busch.

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Manhole covers are still waiting for the ground to dry out. Access to areas of the private yards would be impacted and would be difficult. Installation is a month or two out.

Coopersburg Diner – A Secondary grease trap was installed at the diner. They have also increased the cleaning service to every 2 weeks. Tim Paashaus suggested a site meeting at the diner. Andy or Patrick will work on scheduling this.

There were two lateral inspections with one failure.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's Report for April.

Mr. Fry reviewed the EnAqua disinfection unit warranty, which was revised February 11, 2025, and found it acceptable. The final report did not explain the problems, however, the unit has been working well for months. Mr. Fry did locate a service provider that is in the Harrisburg area called Control Systems 21 to be considered other than the current provider in California.

Regarding the airline replacement, Zimmerman Environmental, LLC welded tabs and provided stainless rods, as well as insulation and paint. All work has been completed. A drawing will be provided to list models identifying exactly where they are installed.

## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Patrick Lambert presented the Assistant Director's report for April.

Axiom was in to replace bolts on the influent pumps which did not go well. A check valve was ordered and a quote from Zimmerman and Axiom was obtained. It was last replaced in 2016.

Patrick Lambert reported that the plant is operating within permit.

John Cziraki will be retiring effective September 3 of this year. Patrick has been working with Mr. Geib for his replacement as foreman.

## **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 2/28/24 through 3/20/24, in the amount of \$980.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

## **MOTION (S):**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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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, May 6, 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 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek  
Secretary