

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, July 1, 2024,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order at 7:03 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 (**via phone**)
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 May 2024, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously with Zachary Karasek abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Brienza presented his July report.

The Borough had 3 lateral inspections which all passed. The Diner is in some form of compliance, and this was confirmed by Patrick Lambert.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Farley Fry, PE, presented the Engineer's report for July.

The airline was discovered with the airline separating. Our structural engineer examined and confirmed that the U-bolts and nuts are to be properly torqued to prevent movement. It was recommended that Zimmerman Environmental restore the pipe and Straub expansion fittings to proper positions and tack weld to U-bolt. Zimmerman stated that the U-bolts were found to not be Stainless Steel which were then replaced with Stainless Steel bolts and tack welded to prevent future problems. This was done in a timely manner. Revised Record plans were furnished to the Township on the Straub fittings used in the project replacement.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron reported that the plant is operating within permit.

Zimmerman Environmental is scheduled to replace 8" check valve on the influent pump. This will be scheduled for next month.

Air actuators on the basins had problems. Joe Liberti replaced 4B and reprogrammed. 4A still has problems. He will return to reprogram and replace.

Digester Ladders were installed last week.

In May, high fecal was reported, which could be related to a bad sample, however still in compliance.

John Cziraki will be retiring at the end of the month. Joe Goetter will be taking over as foreman.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mark Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report and needs approval for a request for payment from the Solicitor for general matters for the period of 04/30/24 through 05/15/24, in the amount of \$1443.00. Also, a request for payment from the Solicitor for general matters for the period 05/30/24 through 06/20/24, in the amount of \$999.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next scheduled meeting of the Authority will be Monday, August 5, 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 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary