

UPPER SAUCON SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Meeting Held Monday, May 6, 2024,

4774 Saucon Creek Road

Chairman Jack DeMatos called to order at 6:35 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 **ABSENT**
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 April 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 May report.

Coopersburg – Tim Paashaus indicated that the Borough installed two locking manhole covers along the stream. They are continuing to work installing the remaining covers.

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The sewer lateral inspections found 2 leaking laterals, one of which needs to be dug up and replaced.

The Ashford Preserve development, for 21 single homes is to be built starting in the fall/winter. Mr. Paashaus has not received a report from Mr. Busch regarding the sewer acquisitions.

Coopersburg Diner – Another site inspection will be done later this month. If there is still an issue the Borough will send a violation notice.

The council has approved the sewer payment for the 2022/2023 year. This makes it appear as though they are a year behind, and he will follow up and ask them about this.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

Pleased to report there are no problems with U/V system.

The airline replacement project was completed in March, Farley has received payment application #2 from Zimmerman Environmental, LLC, in the amount of \$38,193.42. This would be the final payment, and he will need a motion for approval tonight. REF: Hanover Engineering's letter dates 4/16/24.

Preliminary discussions are continuing with the plant foreman for his insights regarding sludge thickening.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jonathan Barron reported that the plant is operating within permit.

Axiom completed their replacement of bolts and gaskets.

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

Rail replacement on one side of aeration basins and digester ladders is being done and in the budget.

The tear in the UV tent was repaired inside and outside with waterproofing tape.

A License application was sent out for the laborer who has completed classes.

Mr. Lambert added that Jonathan completed and passed his licensing general exams at Penn State recently.

The open Foreman position has 2 applicants.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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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 3/26/24 through 4/19/24, in the amount of \$906.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (S):

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Upper Saucon Township Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 1923 Oakhurst Drive for a total of 3 EDU's. Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter dated 4/30/24.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Payment Application 2 to Zimmerman Environmental in the amount of \$38,193.42 for the airline replacement project Ref: Hanover Engineering's letter of April 16, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

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 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, June 3, 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 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Karasek
Secretary