

**UPPER MERION MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
(UMMUA)
September 16, 2014**

The members of the Upper Merion Municipal Utility Authority assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Upper Merion Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Edward Veneziale, Chairman
Stanley Channick, Vice-Chairman
Charles Smyrk, Secretary
James Ruddy, Treasurer
Gian Singla, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Fred Ciotonni, P.E., Consulting Engineer, S C Engineers, Inc.
Edward J. O'Brien, Jr., Director of Public Works
Carole Kenney, Supervisors' Liaison
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Steven A. Hann, Principal, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC

ABSENT

David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary

GUESTS

Montgomery County (County)

Michael Stokes, Assistant Director, Montgomery County Planning Commission
Joshua Stein, First Deputy, Montgomery County Solicitor's Office

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of meeting minutes from the August 19th meeting has been tabled until the October UMMUA meeting.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY *(Communications Tower Presentation)*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Mr. Michael Stokes presented an update to the upgrade of the 911 emergency communications system. The upgrades are being done in order to provide better emergency response service and to address some areas within the county that do not have sufficient emergency communications capacity to address all of the needs of emergency response agencies.

There is currently a site at the Marquis Apartments which will be moved to Hughes Road. The Trout Run WPCC (Mancill Mill Road) location would service part of Upper Merion Township as well as the entire Schuylkill Valley. The proposed site would include a new 180' lattice tower structure, including antennae and dishes at different heights to dispatch and receive emergency calls. There is potential to design the tower to include cell phone service if desirable to Upper Merion Township.

At the suggestion of the Municipal Utility Authority the County has consulted the community association at the Valley Forge Towers. The Valley Forge Towers and the Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors recommended that the tower be placed between the salt storage facility and the wastewater treatment in the fenced in area. Concerns were expressed about historical areas on the property, as well as site security issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

PADEP (SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT) – NPDES PERMITS

The final NPDES Permit for the WPCC's have been issued with the appropriate changes.

Ferro Property

The DEP placed an order against the Ferro Property but decided to vacate the order and stop any actions against the owner because of the owner's claim of hardship. The County has an outstanding order, but is also not pursuing enforcement. Upper Merion Township has since issued a Notice of Violation for the property which has since been appealed; however responsibility for enforcement of septic systems falls under the Montgomery County Health Department.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

South Gulph Road Sewer Extension

No feedback was received from the residents on South Gulph Road in reference to their desire to hook up to the public sewer system.

NPDES PERMITS

The Industrial Pretreatment Program's Local Limits calculations have been approved by US EPA and the final report has been submitted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Monthly Financial Report for August 31, 2014 was presented.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SWEDELAND PUMPING STATION UPGRADE PROJECT *(UPDATE)*

The new force main has been installed and tested and at present bypass pumping is being used as the interior of the pumping station is being refurbished. A meeting is scheduled with ARRO Consulting to discuss potential change order issues that have occurred during construction.

REQUISITIONS APPROVED *(August 2014)*

On a motion by Stanley Channick, seconded by James Ruddy, with all voting "aye", the Requisitions for August 19, 2014 in the amount of **\$546,216.63** was approved as presented. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY