

**UPPER MERION SANITARY & STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**August 16, 2022 Meeting – 6:30PM**

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary & Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in the Boardroom of the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Diane Reilly, Chair  
James Ruddy, Vice Chair  
Ed Campbell, Secretary  
Lyn Fields, Treasurer  
Glenn Smith  
Carole Kenney, Board Liaison  
Anthony T. Hamaday, Executive Secretary  
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Steve Hann, Authority Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC  
Fred Ciottoni, Authority Engineer, SC Engineers  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works

**Amendment of August Meeting Agenda:**

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, all members voted “Aye” to approve the amendment of the meeting agenda to add Item C, Matsunk Storage facility Project Contract Extension, under New Business. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

**Chairperson Comments:** Mrs. Reilly indicated that an Executive Session will be held at the end of the meeting to discuss legal matter involving the Authority’s NPDES Permit appeal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted “Aye” to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Authorization to Bid the Candlebrook Sewer Main Replacement Project.

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted “Aye” to authorize the advertising of the Candlebrook Sewer Main Replacement project. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

## B. Proposed EDU Transfer -2500 Renaissance Blvd

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that in 2003, the Authority entered into a Sewer Allocation Agreement with Liberty Property Holdings for the acquisition of sanitary sewer capacity for properties Liberty owned in the Renaissance Corporate Park. It appears from the Authority minutes that the Agreement was approved on April 15, 2003 but no signed copy exists in the Township Files. Mr. Hickman indicated that the agreement allowed Liberty to allocate excess sewer capacity among their properties. The Liberty properties are now owned by Bryemere Holdings and the new owners are requesting the ability to allocate 7 of the excess 54 EDU's acquired to their property at 2500 Renaissance. Mr. Hickman, in discussions with Mr. Hann suggested that the Sewer Authority affirm the 2003 agreement and approve the EDU allocation to 2500 Renaissance Blvd. Mr. Hann agreed and will prepare a resolution for the Authority's consideration at the September meeting. Mr. Campbell informed the Authority that he has a conflict with regard to the property and will be recusing himself from any action on the item.

## C. Matsunk Storage Facility Project Contract Extension

Mr. Hickman explained that the contractor for the project has requested a time extension on the project until November due to material/supply delays and that there would be no additional cost to the Authority.

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, all members voted "Aye" to approve the Matsunk Storage facility Project Contract Extension. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

Mr. Hickman also indicated that the contractor, LA Building Contractors, is requesting the Authority consider an equitable contract adjustment due to the price increase for asphalt in the amount of \$7100. Mr. Campbell asked if there were any contract tradeoffs and suggested that the Authority wait until the project is completed to see if there could be any offset. The Authority members agreed and Mr. Hickman will inform the contractor.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hamaday reported to the Authority that JP Orlean's and the Valley Forge Towers have agreed to the easement language and terms for the emergency access road from the townhouse development, through the Tower's property, to Mancill Mill Road.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** No Report

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No Report

## **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the storage tanks for the Sodium Hypochlorite Upgrade project at the plants are being delivered next week.

Mr. Hickman also updated the Authority of the Bridgeview residential development in Bridgeport and that he and Mr. Clotfoni continue to work with the developer on the relocation of the Authority's sanitary force main through the property. Mr. Hickman asked Mr. Hann if we could craft any type of maintenance agreement to be entered into with the developer and Borough that would cover any and all costs for maintenance. He suggested that is necessary due to the proposed location and the many utility conflicts we could encounter if

we had to perform maintenance on the line. Mr. Hann indicated he would review such language and it could easily be added to any agreement.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:**

Mr. Hiriak provided the report to the Authority which included:

- Revenue
  - \$43,967 in Sewer access rights were received for 624 Columbus St project, 573 County Line Rd and 500 N. Gulph Rd.
- Expenses
  - \$480,000 rental revenue from the Township.
- Expenses
  - \$299,408.35 was recorded as approved last month.
- Requisitions:
  - Expenditures included in this month's request are for ongoing Authority projects.
  - Total amount of requisitions for approval = \$60,400.03

**REQUISITIONS:**

Mr. Hiriak submitted the monthly requisitions in the amount of \$60,400.43. He also informed the Authority that the 2021 Audit performed by Mallie, Inc., was clean.

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted "Aye" to approve the August 16, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$60,400.03. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

**STORMWATER:**

Draft Fee Resolution

Mr. Hann informed the Authority that he should have a draft resolution completed by Labor Day and then will distribute to the Authority for their review. He suggested that the members review at the September meeting and send comments to Mr. Hamaday.

Future Public Information Sessions

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that he is still working on dates for the two (2) information sessions and asked if there was availability for the evenings of September 27 & 28, 2002. He also indicated that he is finalizing a postcard mailer advertising the sessions that will be sent to every property owner in the Township

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted "Aye" to convene an executive session. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted "Aye" to reconvene the regular meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, the meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

  
DIANE REILLY  
CHAIRPERSON