

UPPER MERION SANITARY AND STORMWATER AUTHORITY
January 18, 2022 MEETING
6:30 P.M.

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary and Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 via the Township's ZOOM virtual meeting platform and in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

James Ruddy, Chairman
Diane Reilly, Vice Chair
Edmund Campbell, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Lyn Fields, Treasurer
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Carole Kenney, BOS Liaison
Steve Hann, Solicitor
Fred Ciottoni, P.E., Consulting Engineer
Nathan Walker – Gannett Fleming
John Daino via Zoom – Resident of Hobbs Road
Michelle Morrison via Zoom – Resident of Hobbs Road
DM Monturo via Zoom – unknown
Aculmer via Zoom - unknown

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SANITARY AND STORMWATER AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION FOR 2020

It was moved by Mrs. Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mr. Hamaday as Temporary Chairperson. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mrs. Reilly as Chairperson of the Authority. Without further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and Mrs. Reilly was appointed Chairperson by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Mr. Campbell, all voting "Aye" to approve the following appointment en bloc. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Mr. Ruddy was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Authority.
Mr. Campbell was appointed Secretary of the Authority.
Mrs. Fields was appointed Treasurer of the Authority.

APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, to nominated the following and approve appointments en bloc: None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Mr. Hamaday was appointed Executive Secretary.
Mr. Hiriak was appointed Accountant.
The firm of SC Engineers, Inc. was appointed as Consulting Engineer, at the rate listed in their letter of intent.
Mr. Steve Hann of the firm Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, P.C., was appointed Solicitor, at the rate listed in their letter of intent.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATE:

It was moved by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all voting "Aye", to set the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. as the Authority's regular meeting date and time. Meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Township Building, unless otherwise advertised. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes: (motion carried 4-0)

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. WPCC Sodium Hypochlorite Equipment Replacement Contract Award

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to award the Sodium Hypochlorite Equipment Replacement Contract for the Matsunk and Trout Run WPCC's to Eastern Environmental Contractors of Green Lane, PA in the amount of \$428,800 and the following alternates:

1. Alternate A – Trout Run Door Replacement in the amount of \$20,300
2. Alternate B – Matsunk Ventilation Unit Replacement in the amount of \$37,100

Motion carried 4-0

B. Acceptance of Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement– Stonebrook at Upper Merion Subdivision.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fields, to accept the variable width sanitary sewer easement and access easement from Toll Mid-Atlantic, L.P., through Phases I & III in the Stonebrook at Upper Merion Subdivision as shown on the Phase I Sanitary Sewer Easement plans prepared by STA Engineers dated September 15, 2021 subject to the final review by the Authority's Solicitor and Engineer.

Motion carried 4-0

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ciottoni thanked the Authority for re-appointment and indicated that the legal challenge to DEP's NPDES permit has been filed and would let Mr. Hann discuss further. Mr. Ciottoni also informed the Authority that he has completed a preliminary review of the tapping fee and there is an opportunity to increase the fee. He would like to discuss further at the February meeting. The Authority agreed to table the matter and add it to the February meeting agenda.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hann thanked the Authority for re-appointment and indicated that he would provide a legal report to the members in the executive session.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. McKernan, Wastewater Superintendent, updated the Authority on the following Treatment Plant projects:

1. Clarifier Drive project – Matsunk Plant has been completed and the contractor is awaiting steel for Trout Run.
2. Matsunk Storage Building – The contractor is waiting for steel so he can continue construction.
3. Pump Station Upgrade Project – The Board of Supervisors has awarded the contract for the Valley Brook/Abrams/Trout Run Pump Station Equipment Upgrade project.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak provided the report and informed the Authority that there is no new revenue to report and that the current fund balance as of December is \$10.7 million among the Authority's accounts. Workhorse Brewery continues to make their required monthly payments for the Tap-in fee

REQUISITIONS — January 18, 2022

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all voting "Aye" to approve the January 18, 2022 Requisition List in the amount of \$371,126.44. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

STORMWATER

Mr. Walker, the Authority's Stormwater Consultant, provided an update to the Authority on the following items:

1. Stormwater User Fee – Mr. Walker indicated that now that the Stormwater Roles and Responsibilities MOU between the township and Authority has been approved, he can finalize the fee rate based on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) model which will have a faster roll out and have an easier database to maintain. Mr. Walker suggested that public information regarding the rate center around the use of the funds to manage infrastructure to help flood mitigation.

Mr. Walker laid out the next steps which will begin with calculating a rate structure based on the ERU model as well as factoring in other variables such as billing costs and database updates.

In regard to the billing, Mr. Walker discussed the reality of creating a billing file which would include using multiple databases including County and DVRPC data for existing properties. However, we would need to add recent residential and commercial developments directly. The hard part of the process will be to merge the spatial and billing data together.

2. Public Outreach – Mr. Walker mentioned that some initial outreach was already performed with the inclusion of stormwater information in the last edition of the Township's newsletter. He then outlined some of the next steps, which include:
 - Asking for public input

- Informing the public of the projects that the Authority will undertake. He suggested that the Authority emphasize projects which will be designed to control flooding and drainage, not water quality.

Mrs. Reilly questioned the mechanisms for presenting to the public and making sure we make any outreach COVID safe. She also asked about which large commercial properties we should be contacting. Mr. Walker indicated that the potential top commercial rate payers were identified and we could start with that list and reach out to them directly.

Mr. Campbell indicated that the public outreach has been a yearlong exercise in identifying projects and costs as well as prioritizing potential projects so any outreach has to have a definitive goal. However, we need to realize that some of these projects could change as we get feedback from the public.

Mrs. Reilly asked Mr. Walker if he could outline a process and/or a forum that people could participate in in order to tell us about stormwater issues. Mr. Walker indicated that we did something similar a few years ago when undertaking the stormwater study and can so again.

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the Public Information office has already begun to collect videos and pictures of flooding events in the township for use in our presentations. Mr. Walker stressed that the Authority let residents know that the program is not geared to individual property issues but Townshipwide transportation and infrastructure issues.

Next Steps: Mr. Walker indicated that for the February meeting he would have the following for the Authority:

1. Presentation tools
2. Presentation outline
3. Draft newsletter article.

Mr. Walker also indicated that he would work with staff to start building the billing file.

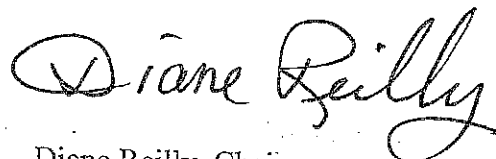
Public Comment

Mr. John Daino, 750 Hobbs Road addressed the Authority regarding the construction of a large home adjacent to his home. He indicated that there are several issues that he and his neighbors are concerned with pertaining to slope disturbance, stormwater and the installation of an on-site septic system and an engineer that he has consulted suggested that he bring these issues to the Authority's attention. Mr. Hamaday did provide an overview of the issues for the Authority. Mr. Campbell acknowledged Mr. Daino's concerns and thanked him for bringing it to the Authority's attention but indicated that the issues are not within the Authority's jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Mrs. Fields made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. motion carried 4-0

Respectively Submitted,



Diane Reilly, Chairperson