

UPPER MERION SANITARY AND STORMWATER AUTHORITY
February 15, 2022 MEETING
6:30 P.M.

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary and Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to approve the following meeting minutes:

- November 16, 2021
- December 21, 2021
- January 18, 2022

Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Bridgeview Development – Bridgeport Borough

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the proposed Mixed- use development in Bridgeport Borough will require the relocation of the Authority's 14" ductile iron force main that connects the Trout Run and Matsunk Treatment Plants through the Abrams Pump Station and allows flow to be diverted between each facility. The proposed relocation will require an amendment to the Township's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan and the Authority will have to approve the relocation before the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the proposed plan amendment to PA DEP.

Mr. hamaday introduced, Anthony Maris, the project's developer, who provided a brief overview of the project. Mr. Maris indicated that approximately 2600' of the existing force main that runs through the property will be relocated to permit the construction of proposed new buildings and utilities on the property. The relocated area will be between the Conshohocken Brew House and the eastern property line of the property. Mr. Maris asked that Authority to approve the relocation so he could move forward with submitting the sewage plan to PA DEP.

Mrs. Fields made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to accept the conditional relocation of the force main subject to compliance with the Authority Engineer's final review and approval. Motion carried 4-0

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ciotonni, following up on the completion of his preliminary review of current sewer tap-in fee, informed the Authority that there is an opportunity to increase the current \$8750 fee to \$9850. Mr. Ruddy indicated that we recently increased the tap -in fee (March 2019) and if there was an additional increase, could the Authority have language that allows for a reduction of the fee for homeowners with failing on-site systems to want to connect. Mr. Campbell suggested that the Authority take such situations on an as needed basis rather than build in some language. Mr. Ciotonni indicated that his final report and recommendation is not ready for the Authority's action. The Authority members agreed to place the item on their March 2022 Agenda for further discussion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hann provided an overawe to the Authority on current House Bill 1901, Clean Streams Funding, which will have a storm water component that earmarks funding for municipal stormwater activities. Mr. Hann indicated that he didn't know how the bill will proceed but if passed will provide potential funding opportunities for stormwater projects under the Stormwater Management Act and MS4 program.

Mr. Hann also informed the Authority that the Attorney for the Mancill Mill Townhouse Development has submitted an easement document for his review for the 30' wide access easement on the Trout Run Plant property the Authority agreed to provide to the developer. He will finalize his review and present to the Authority for action at their march meeting.

Mr. Hann also indicated that he wanted to update the Authority on the NPDES Appeal in an executive session at the end of the meeting.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman updated the Authority of the following projects:

1. A preconstruction meeting was scheduled for the Abrams, Trout Run and Valleybrook Pump Station Upgrade projects. He noted that the project is a Township project but wanted to keep the Authority updated.
2. He has scheduled a meeting with ARRO Engineers to start work on the Authority's 2022 projects which include the Clarifier Drive Replacement and trout Run Storage Building projects.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak provided the February report to the Authority

REQUISITIONS — January 18, 2022

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Ruddy, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all voting "Aye" to approve the February 15, 2022 Requisition List in the amount of \$214,266.44. None opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

STORMWATER

Mr. Walker informed the Authority that he wanted to review the following items and get feedback:

1. Public Meetings – Mr. Walker provided a public meeting outline for the Authority’s review. The outline laid out a potential schedule for the meetings which would include short videos, introduction to the Authority and the stormwater program as well as the flooding problems the Township faces. The outline also provides a large section on the proposed stormwater fee and the benefits for the Township.

Mrs. Reilly asked if the presentation would be though a Power Point Slide Show and if she would be speaking. Mr. Walker indicated that she could make the introductions but he and staff could make the presentations. Mr. Campbell suggested a decision be made on whether to inform the public on what can or can’t be done currently due to funding limitations and that the new fee will allow the authority to do specific projects. Mrs. Kenney suggested that we provide examples of what has and has not been accomplished. Mr. Hickman offered that the public needs to know that the Township facilities are not immune to flooding and that has a cost to the taxpayers.

Mr. Walker suggested that we prioritize for the public, projects that are underway, small projects that can be accomplished in-house and roadway flooding projects. The Authority should also identify projects that are attainable and have a big impact.

April was tentatively selected to begin the public meetings with separate meetings for business property owners and residential property owners since the fee would impact each group differently. Freedom Hall in the Township Building would be the venue and the Mr. hamaday will Look into getting the word out through Robocalls as well as though all our media platforms.

2. Stormwater User Fee Calculation – Mr. Walker provided an updated Stormwater fee rate calculation memorandum for the Authority’s review. The memorandum outlines the eligible properties and provides an overview of the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) fee model. Mr. Walker indicated that his preliminary Trudy realizes approximately 35,902 ERU’s broken down by several residential and commercial categories. The Township will still need to provide information on properties that are not currently connected to the township Sewer System so they can be included in the study.

Mr. Walker also reviewed the rate calculations and future program costs. The Authority will need to determine that annual scope of projects they wish to undertake so that the rate structure can be set to provide adequate project funding.

3. Newsletter Article. Mr. Walker provided a draft newsletter article to be used in the township’s weekly and Township Lines Newsletter.

Public Comment – None

Executive Session

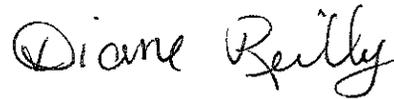
Mrs. Field made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to suspend the regular meeting at 8:14PM and adjourn to an executive session to discuss the ongoing NPDES Appeal. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Field made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, to reopen the regular meeting at 8:28PM. Motion carried 4-0

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. motion carried 4-0

Respectively Submitted,



Diane Reilly, Chairperson