

UPPER MERION SANITARY & STORMWATER AUTHORITY
March 15, 2022 Meeting – 6:30PM

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary & Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Boardroom of the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:48PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Diane Reilly, Chair
James Ruddy, Vice Chair
Edward Campbell, Secretary
Lyn Fields, Treasurer
Vacant, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carole Kenney, Board Liaison
Steve Hann, Authority Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC
Fred Ciottoni, Authority Engineer, SC Engineers
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Nathan Walker, Senior Water Resources Planner, Gannett Fleming
Skip Brion, Chairman, Buckley Brion McGuire & Morris, LLP
Larry Dugan, Senior Vice President/General Counsel, JPOrleans

Mr. Hamaday (Executive Secretary) and Mr. Hiriak (Director of Finance) were participating in the annual PELRAS Conference and were not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted "Aye" to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Following the last Authority meeting, Mr. Brion submitted an easement agreement for the Mancill Mill Road Company to Mr. Hamaday and Mr. Hann for review. Mr. Hann noted that comments from Mr. Hamaday had been incorporated into the agreement and that it was ready for consideration by the Authority. He further noted that even if the Authority approved the easement agreement, it was still contingent upon final land development approval by the Board of Supervisors. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted "Aye" to authorize the Executive Secretary to execute the easement agreement, subject to its final form being found acceptable by the Authority Solicitor. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

For the Authority's consideration, Mr. Hickman presented a "Facilities Locating & Marking Service Contract," through which USIC would provide this service for PA One Call marking requests rather than wastewater staff. The cost to USIC would be \$8 per service ticket, and this amount would be offset by the savings to the labor and overtime costs currently budgeted in the General and Sewer Funds. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted "Aye" to authorize the Executive Secretary to execute the service contract. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Clottoni informed the Authority that the annual Wasteload Management Reports for Matsunk WPCC and Trout Run WPCC (i.e. the Chapter 94 reports) will be submitted to DEP by the end of the month. He then presented to the Authority his analysis of the sewer tapping fee, which could be increased up to \$10,862. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted "Aye" to authorize the Authority Solicitor to draft a resolution increasing the tapping fee to \$9,000. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman notified the Authority that a preconstruction meeting was held for the WPCC Sodium Hypochlorite project last week and noted that supply chain issues will affect the project schedule. As an example, he mentioned that the Township's project for Abrams PS is seeing a 22-week lead time for the delivery of valves. Mrs. Kenney inquired about the status of the Bridgeview Development, and Mr. Hickman noted that it had been approved by the Board at their last business meeting, but he had no further progress to report on that project. Mrs. Kenney inquired about the new equipment installed at the DeKalb PS and Ross Road PS by Toll Brothers for the Glasgow Tract development. Mr. Hickman noted that the pumps and controls have been installed, the emergency generators were still awaiting delivery, and the generators comply with the Authority's specifications.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak provided his report to the Authority via email ahead of the meeting, which included new revenues of \$125,344 from the Glasgow Tract and one tapping fee of \$8,744 for 201 South Gulph Road.

REQUISITIONS:

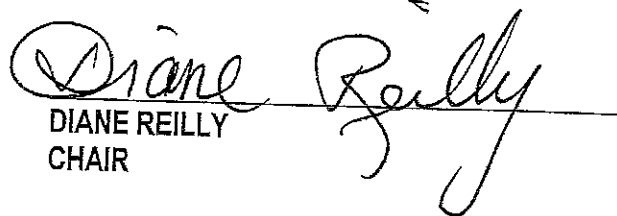
Mr. Hiriak submitted the monthly requisitions to the Authority via email ahead of the meeting. On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voted "Aye" to approve the March 15, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$182,793.54. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

STORMWATER:

Mr. Walker presented a draft of the stormwater fee presentation for the Authority's public outreach efforts. The members provided feedback on the presentation, which Gannett Fleming will incorporate into the final draft of the presentation. The Authority is targeting a date in May for the public presentation.

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 8:52PM.


DIANE REILLY
CHAIR