

UPPER MERION SANITARY AND STORMWATER AUTHORITY
March 21, 2023 MEETING
6:30 P.M.

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary and Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 via the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Diane Reilly, Chair
Lyn Fields, Treasurer
Glen Smith, Asst Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Nick Hiriak, Finance Director
Carole Kenney, BOS Liaison
Fred Ciottoni, Authority Engineer
Steve Hann, Solicitor (via ZOOM)

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fields, to amend the March meeting agenda to add the Bridgeview Development Force main Relocation Agreement to the New Business. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. 446 Swedeland Road Authority Sewer Main Relocation

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the developer was not able to come to an agreement with the adjoining property owner at 596 Swedeland Road to relocation the Authority's sewer main that runs through both properties. As a result, the developer will limit the sewer line relocation to just the property at 446 Swedeland Road which received land development approval for a new warehouse. The Authority members recommended Mr. Hamaday send a letter to the property owner at 596 Swedeland Road indicating the limit of the line's relocation and that they would be responsible for any future relocation of the Authority's line should that property redevelop.

B. Mancill Mill Townhouse Development Update

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the staff had a meeting with the developer on the proposed pump station and to review DEP's Planning Module Review letter for the development. The Staff is still opposed to owning and operating a small pump station for the 119 townhouse units. Mr. Ciottoni has been suggesting that the developer explore a low-pressure grinder pump system but has received push back from the developer who cites the asbestos cap on a portion of the property as a factor. During the meeting, Mr. Ciottoni requested that the developer's engineer provide us an engineering review that shows a grinder pump system will not work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authority Force Main Relocation Agreement with Bridgeview Developers

Mr. Ciottoni informed the Authority that the proposed agreement for the installation is still being completed and the developer is looking to establish the required financial securities so installation can take place prior to the Authority meeting. He suggested that the Authority consider approving subject to the Authority Solicitor satisfaction of the agreement terms. Mr. Hann indicated that he will ensure that the agreement terms are in the best interest of the Authority and that the proper financial security is in place to protect the Authority.

Mrs. Fields made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Bridgeview Force Main Relocation Agreement subject to the satisfaction of Authority Solicitor. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ciottoni informed the Authority that he is completing the PA DEP Chapter 94 Waste load Management Report for the Authority's sewer system which will be submitted by the March 31, 2023 deadline.

Mrs. Kenney inquired about the treatment plants capacity. Mr. Ciottoni suggested that the plants are only at 50% capacity and have a long way to go before capacity becomes an issue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hann informed the Authority that the EPA has issued a drinking water proposal for PFOS/PFOA chemical limits which are more stringent than PA DEP's limits. He added that the EPA is also looking at Gen-X compounds and that all these new water quality regulations will trickle down to wastewater treatment and have an impact on Authority operations in the future.

Mrs. Kenney asked if there was any update on the West Chester Stormwater litigation. Mr. Hann indicated that all were waiting on the State Supreme Court to schedule which could be either late spring or summer and that a lot of municipalities have interest in the outcome. He added that he understands that municipalities who already collect a stormwater fee are getting refund requests based on the Commonwealth Courts decision.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman updated the Authority on the following projects:

1. Swedesburg Pump Station Project – The contracts are in place and a preconstruction meeting is being scheduled.
2. Candlebrook Sewer Main Replacement Project – His staff has had a walkthrough with the contractor and are working on a traffic management plan since this portion of the project requires excavation of the sewer lines in the street. He will make sure that the Township uses all available communication tools to get the word to the residents.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak submitted his monthly report for the Authority's review. Mrs. Kenney asked if the current Authority funds are at an all time high? Mr. Hiriak indicated that the Authority had \$22 million across all accounts in the early 2000's.

REQUISITIONS — March 21, 2022

It was moved by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the March 21, 2023 Requisition List in the amount of \$51,134.43. Motion approved 3-0.

STORMWATER – The Authority suggested that a letter or notice be sent to property owners regarding the delay in the billing of the approved stormwater fee due to pending West Chester Borough litigation and requested that a draft be presented for their review at the next meeting.

Public Comment - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Mrs. Fields made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 3-0

Respectively Submitted,

Diane Reilly, Chairperson

