

**UPPER MERION SANITARY & STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**May 17, 2022 Meeting – 6:30PM**

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary & Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Boardroom of the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:41PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Diane Reilly, Chair  
James Ruddy, Vice Chair  
Lyn Fields, Treasurer  
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

Mrs. Reilly announced that the Authority met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mrs. Reilly, all members voted "Aye" to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Permission to solicit Professional Service Agreements:**

Mr. Hickman provided an overview of the requests for to solicit the following PSA's:

1. WPCC Conveyer and Sludge Blender Upgrades
2. WPCC Process Equipment Upgrades which includes 2 clarifiers at Matsunk and 2 clarifiers and 8 valves at Trout Run at a cost not to exceed \$36,990.
3. Paint & Coatings Project – Phase 2 which includes influent channel upgrades at Matsunk and Sludge Thickeners at Trout Run at a cost not to exceed \$31,200
4. Trout Run WPCC Locker Room & Office Upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$62,750
5. Matsunk WPCC RBC Concrete Evaluation for cracks and spalling at a cost not to exceed \$19,900.

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted "Aye" to authorize the solicitation of the PSA's. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

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

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that he has had discussions with the attorney representing new apartment development approved by the Board of Supervisors at 2901 Renaissance Blvd and the owner may be submitting a request to the Authority to pay the tapping fee at the time of the issuance of a U&O rather than at building permit approval. The developer understands that he would be subject to any tapping fee increase by doing so. Mr. Hamaday will keep the Authority informed when any request is made.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hann informed the Authority that he has sent the Easement Agreements with Mancill Mill Developers for a portion of the Trout Run Treatment Plant property to install a boulevard entrance to the townhouse development has been sent to the Developer's attorney for signatures. The Authority will receive \$35,000 for the easement.

Mr. Hann also updated the Authority on the following legislation:

1. PA Act 18 of 2022 which takes effect June 18, 2022 and allows Authorities to enter directly into contracts for service when no bids are received after 2 consecutive attempts to bid projects or services.
2. SB 597 – This Senate bill will revise Title 27 – Environmental Resources and would have placed jurisdiction of Authorities under the PUC if they were found non-compliant with regard to operations or permitting. The PMAA was successful in getting this provision removed from the bill. A requirement for an asset management and cybersecurity plan is still in the bill.

Mrs. Reilly asked if we should contact our local state legislators about the issues that the bill would cause. Mr. Hann indicated that it would be appropriate and that PMAA is working on providing Authorities with a review of the final version of the Bill to reference.

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

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that he is looking at the project list in the stormwater Study to see if there are lower priority small projects that could be accomplished in a relatively short time and at a low cost by the Public Works Department.

Mrs. Field asked what can be done about landscapers and property owners allowing grass clippings to go into the street. Mr. Hickman indicated that it is an issue and he will work with the PIO office to get info out on all our communication platforms. He also indicated that, in addition to grass clippings entering the storeowners, oils, grease and flushable wipes pose a problem in our sanitary lines and at the treatment plants. Mr. Hann indicated that there is current litigation against the wipe manufacturers over their claim that they are flushable. He will keep the Authority informed on the litigation.

Mr. Ruddy suggested that in addition to our normal communication methods, we should consider hand delivering notices.

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:**

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

- Revenue - 1 EDU fee of \$8,744 was received for 689 Jefferson St.
- Expenses- \$78,399.08 was recorded as approved last month.

**REQUISITIONS:**

Mr. Hiriak submitted the monthly requisitions in the amount of \$223,898.00.

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mrs. Reilly, all members voted "Aye" to approve the May 17, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$223,898.00. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**STORMWATER:**

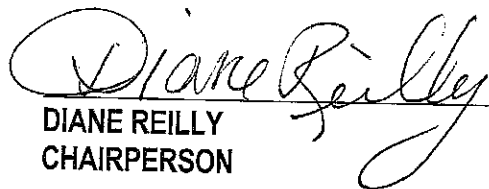
**May 24, 2022 Public Presentation** - Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that he is finalizing the presentation materials for the May 24, 2022 Public Presentations. The afternoon session will be held from 12:30 PM to 1:30PM and the evening session will be held from 7PM to 8PM

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark McKee, Jones Road, Gulph Mills, asked the Authority for an Update on the proposed Stormwater Fee. Mr. Hamaday indicated that the May 24<sup>th</sup> presentation would go over the process, potential fee calculations and implementation schedule.

**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 7:30PM.

  
DIANE REILLY  
CHAIRPERSON