

UPPER MERION SANITARY & STORMWATER AUTHORITY
July 19, 2022 Meeting – 6:30PM

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary & Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in the Boardroom of the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Diane Reilly, Chair
James Ruddy, Vice Chair
Ed Campbell, Secretary
Lyn Fields, Treasurer
Glenn Smith
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

Chairperson Comments:

Mrs. Reilly welcomed new Authority member Glenn Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted “Aye” to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT: No Report

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Ciottoni reported to the Authority that he is still working with the developer of the Bridgeview project in Bridgeport on the relocation of the Township’s force main that runs through the property. He indicated that there are still some issues with the location of the relocated main with regard to potential conflicts with other utilities. Mr. Ciottoni will keep the Authority updated on the project.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No Report

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the PSA's for the process equipment upgrades at the treatment plants will be scheduled for the Authority's action in the next 2 months.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hamaday provided the report to the Authority which included:

- Revenue - \$12,920 in Sewer access rights were received for 500 N. Gulph Rd.
- Expenses - \$299,408.35 was recorded as approved last month.

REQUISITIONS:

Mr. Hamaday submitted the monthly requisitions in the amount of \$299,408.35.

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, all members voted "Aye" to approve the July 19, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$299,408.35. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

STORMWATER:

Draft Fee Resolution

Mr. Hann provided an update to the Authority on his crafting of a draft stormwater fee resolution. Mr. Hann indicated that the resolution will be straightforward and have the following elements:

- Rate established in the resolution will be uniform and reasonable and in accordance with the language contained in the Municipal Authorities Act
- Will not be static.
- It will not contain a credit provision but the Authority could enact at a later date.
- It will have an appeal procedure.

Mr. Hann also indicated that the Authority will need to decide on what enforcement mechanisms, in accordance with the Authorities Act, are to be used for property owners failing to pay the required fee for inclusion in the resolution. Mrs. Reilly asked who would be responsible for a delinquent fee if a property was sold, old or new owners. Mr. Hann indicated that the fee is attributed to the property.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the draft resolution include definitions as well as references to the Authority's three (3) year Capital Plan. Mr. Hann indicated that it would be referenced. Mr. Campbell also asked what could be appealed. Mr. Hann indicated that 3 items that could be appealed were fee calculation, impervious surface calculations and billing errors.

Mr. Hickman asked if mechanisms were needed to specifically outline coordinating with the Township when a property is subdivided and new parcels are created as well as when commercial permits are issued for new structures. Mr. Hann indicated that they should be included in the resolution.

Mr. Hann indicated that he would have a draft for the September meeting for review and a final resolution for the Authority's consideration in October. Mrs. Kenney asked if the Authority could update the Board of Supervisors at their September or October workshop.

Future Public Information Sessions

The Authority discussed conducting 3 additional public information meetings in September for business properties/ potential high rate payers, non-profits and residential owners but decided that only one additional

meeting each would be needed for commercial and residential properties. Mr. Hamaday will work on dates and a postcard mailer.

Mrs. Fields emphasized that we do need to respond to those individuals who have asked questions about the program. Mr. Hamaday indicated that we haven't done so yet but Gannett Fleming is working on a FAQ list.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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