

UPPER MERION SANITARY & STORMWATER AUTHORITY
December 20, 2022 Meeting – 6:30PM

The members of the Upper Merion Sanitary & Stormwater Authority met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20 2022 in the Boardroom of the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: November 15, 2022

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voted “Aye” to approve the November 15, 2022 meeting minutes. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 2022-3 – Establishment of a Stormwater Management Fee

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, all members voted “Aye” to adopt Resolution No. 2022-3 establishing a Stormwater Management Fee. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Resolution No. 2022- 4 – Stormwater Management Fee ERU Rate

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Smith, all members voted “Aye” to adopt Resolution No. 2022-4 setting the Stormwater management Fee ERU Rate at \$62.04. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

- C. Document Scanning/Digitizing Contract – ARRO Consulting. Approval of a contract with ARRO Consulting, Township Stormwater Engineer, in the amount of \$15,000 for the scanning & digitizing of Authority documents.

On a motion by Mr. Ruddy, seconded by Mrs. Fields, all members voted “Aye” to Approval of a contract with ARRO Consulting, Township Stormwater Engineer, in the amount of \$15,000 for the scanning & digitizing of Authority documents. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

- D. 2023 Budget Adoption

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted “Aye” to adopt the 2023 Sanitary & Stormwater Authority Budget. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Mr. Hamaday informed the authority that the Board of Supervisors approved the Final land Development Plan for JP Orleans and the Mancill Mill Townhouse Development. Mr. Hickman added that the PA DEP is requiring that the township own and operate the proposed sanitary sewer pump station for the development. The Township Staff has expressed opposition to ownership. Mrs. Kenney asked if this was uncommon. Mr. Hickman and Mr. Hann indicated that it was not and Dep is making a push for such in the State as part of municipal Act 537 plans.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Ciottoni informed the Authority that the Delaware River Basin Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant permit and fee is due by December 31, 2022 and requested the Authority approve the fee check of 4506. Mr. Hiriak informed the Authority that the fee would be paid by the deadline and placed on the January Requisitions list as a pre-paid expense.

Mr. Ciottoni informed the Authority that he is updating the tipping fee calculations for discussion at the January meeting

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Hann followed up on the EPA’s proposed regulation changes to hazardous materials, including PFOS. He indicated that PA DEP has received the numerous comments on the proposed regulations and that a main issue seems to be a requirement that a polluter pay for the cost of any remediation or abatement. He said that the Authority will have to wait and see what the EPA’s final regulations will be and what their impact will be on biosolids and waste management.

Mr. Hann added that the EPA has issued a policy document on PFOS for States to follow as it relates to NPDES and Wastewater Discharge Permits. He suggested that the policy contains some red flags such as discharge limits, more frequent monitoring/sampling and required changes to pretreatment programs. The impact of the policy will lead to additional costs as well as an increase in Right to Know requests for the data collected by the monitoring/sampling.

Mr. Hann also informed the Authority that PA DEP is extending the Authority’s Stormwater Permit which was set to expire March 2023 until March 2025 as they review their own permit process in preparation for future permit changes. DEP will create a workgroup to look at permit terms, conditions and how municipalities utilize stormwater fees.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the Swedesburg Pump Station Upgrade Project had to be rescheduled due to the weather and will be held mid-January with a possible bid award in February 2023.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

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

- Revenue
 - UMSAR of \$9,000 paid by for a SF dwelling at 220 Arden Rd.
- Expenses
 - \$69,709.31 was recorded as approved last month.
- Requisitions:
 - Total amount of requisitions for approval = \$549,587.98

REQUISITIONS:

Mr. Hiriak submitted the monthly requisitions in the amount of \$549,587.98. Mr. Hiriak indicated that \$436,000 of the amount is for the new Sewer Vacuum Truck.

On a motion by Mrs. Fields, seconded by Mr. Ruddy, all members voted “Aye” to approve the December 20, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$549,587.98. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

STORMWATER:


Mrs. Kenney informed the Authority that Mr. Scofield of Radnor Road, has been contacting the Board of Supervisors about stormwater issues on Radnor Road, an adjacent residential development and Tredyfrin Township. She also informed the Authority that the Supervisors will be again holding Citizen Board Chairperson meeting to discuss issues with the various board and committee chair persons. Mr. Kenney also indicated that the Shade Tree Committee and EAC will be looking at tree plantings along creek banks in the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Shelton, Covered Bridge Road, introduced himself to the authority. Mr. Shelton indicated that he was on the Township’s EAC and Planning Commission in the past and he is a national director of an engineering company that specializes in buried infrastructure. Piping and pump stations are his expertise.

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 7:49PM.


DIANE REILLY
CHAIRPERSON