

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY  
APRIL 12, 2023**

The meeting of the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. It was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Matthew B. Hayes.

**Those present:** Mr. Ernest Angelos, Solicitor  
Mr. David Daniel  
Mr. Vincent DelVacchio  
Mrs. Patricia Hall, Office Manager  
Mr. J. P. Kelly, Engineer  
Mr. Matthew B. Hayes  
Mr. Kevin M. Matson, Operations Manager  
Mr. Edwin Reardon  
Ms. Kelly Verna, Office Manager in training

**Those not present:** Mr. Brad Pappal

**Others attending:** Mr. Chris Darhun, Darhun Construction  
Ms. Christine Langdon

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Hayes welcomed Ms. Verna who was hired as Office Manager of the Sewer Authority to replace Ms. Pat Hall, who is retiring. She started her new position last week and is being trained by Ms. Hall.

**DARHUN CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Darhun and Ms. Langdon referred to the subdivision at 923-925 N. Orange Street, Lots 1-3. Mr. Hayes noted that he had spoken about the Tapping Fee Resolution at last month's meeting and our solicitor had discussed the situation with Darhun Construction's attorney. He also noted that tapping fees had never been paid on the property. Mr. Darhun questioned the EDUs involved, which had totaled six from the prior units on the property. Each one of the three new houses, all of which have been sold and are occupied, has one EDU. He was concerned about the additional three EDUs. A discussion followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. David Daniel moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-04-16)

INCOME AND EXPENSES

**MOTION:** Mr. Vincent DelVacchio moved to approve the voucher list as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-04-17)

Ms. Hall stated that everything on the voucher list is covered under the budget. She referred to Item #4, payment of two invoices to Blooming Glen Construction, Inc., for work on the Bortondale pump station improvement project. That expense was taken out of the ARPA funds.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Kelly discussed the N. Orange Street situation in more detail. Mr. Hayes suggested that since tapping fees were never paid on the property, we have no credit to provide and should charge the full \$3400 tapping fee per EDU.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

The following is a summary of grinder pump repair costs for 2023.

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	
2023	37	\$13,819.34	Costs of pumps/cores - \$45,575.46 (16 cores)

There are 1,675 E-One grinder pumps in our system.

The years-to-date summary for PA One Call activity showed:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Clear-no facilities	455	913	703	132
Field Marked	520	1125	1211	173
Other	<u>94</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>34</u>
Total for Year	1069	2207	2012	339
Response Rate	100%	99.95%	100%	100%

<u>Ticket Responses</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>% of Total Delivered</u>
Clear no facilities or facilities not involved based on ticket information	47	34.81	34.81
Field marked	67	49.63	49.63
Insufficient information. Do not dig.	17	12.59	12.59
Did not respond through PA One call	4	2.96	2.96

Total tickets delivered: 135 Total responses received: 135 Response rate: 100.00%

On March 10, 2023, Video Pipe Service televised the Dora Drive line to confirm that there are no mechanical breaks and that the system is operating normally. A large root ball of fats, oils and greases was removed from the end of the line, which has been cleaned.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None.

**REPORTS OF CONSULTANTS**

**MR. J. P. KELLY, ENGINEER**

The contractor for the Bortondale pump station is on schedule. Excavation for the wet well began today. Mr. Kelly has reviewed the submitted invoices which have been forwarded to Ms. Hall with a recommendation for payment.

With regard to One Call mark-outs, routine support and data collection continues.

Regarding sewer mapping, data is being collected on newly-installed pumps, when applicable, to be added to the web map.

**MR. ERNEST ANGELOS, SOLICITOR**

Mr. Angelos met with Ms. Hall and Mr. Matson today to go over the Middletown Township sewer fees. He reviewed the calculations, spoke with the Middletown solicitor, and suggested that we write a check for \$25,000 and close this out. He is awaiting a response from their solicitor when he should have something more concrete and be able to finalize this.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**KBX GOLDEN MARCH REPORT**

The wet well was cleaned at Media Station. KBX responded to a power failure alarm at Valley View and at Braves Trail on March 14 and later in the month, replaced a cracked electrode dome at Braves Trail.

Routine maintenance was performed on the following pump stations: Braves Trail, Crum Creek and Farnum Road, Letitia Lane, Media Station, Rose Tree Upper, Rose Tree Park, Toft Woods, and Valley View.

**MOTION:** Mr. David Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting of April 12, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously.

(MOTION 23-04-18)

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**The meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be on May 10, 2023.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Stella B. Thompson**

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**APRIL 12, 2023 MOTIONS**

- 16. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2023 as presented.**
- 17. Approval of the voucher list of April 12, 2023 as presented.**
- 18. Adjournment of the meeting of April 12, 2023.**