

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY  
MAY 10, 2023**

**The meeting of the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority was held on Wednesday, May 10, 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  
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. Vincent DelVacchio  
Mr. Brad Pappal**

**Others attending: Mr. Tim Sullivan, Middletown Township Sewer Authority**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Tim Sullivan of Middletown Township Sewer Authority asked about the delay in payment of sewer rents by UPTSA (invoice sent in June, 2022) and wanted to know when they could expect payment. He noted that this was for the reimbursement of treatment expenses that Middletown incurred from Delcora. He explained that UPTSA had not given Middletown the correct number of houses whose flows were being sent to Delcora through Middletown's system. The number given was 231, with 15 more added later. In 2021, Mr. Sullivan asked for verification of the correct number (246) and calculated the billing. Mr. Matson researched this and came up with a figure slightly above \$25,000. Mr. Hayes would like to have this matter settled but wants to make sure he has the right amount.**

**There was a discussion about treatment rates. Mr. Hayes said we don't have a current agreement that has rates in process for this right now; the one we have is over 20 years old (1997). Mr. Sullivan noted that the rate is the treatment rate that Middletown Sewer Authority is billed by Delcora. He offered to provide documentation from Delcora for each year's billing. Mr. Hayes will provide any information needed by Mr. Sullivan to resolve this matter by our next meeting. He will also authorize our solicitor to start conversations with Middletown Sewer Authority's solicitor about revisiting our agreement with them.**

MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. David Daniel moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-05-19)

INCOME AND EXPENSES

**MOTION:** Mr. David Daniel moved to approve the voucher list of May 10, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-05-20)

Ms. Hall called attention to Item #1 (Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., \$145,445.67), noting that the large expense was for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2023. All other expenses were normal.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Hayes reported that, hopefully, Township Council will be appointing a new member to the board. There are two applicants.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	
2023	53	\$22,223.79	Costs of pumps/cores - \$60,390.46 (21 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	158
Field Marked	520	1125	1211	262
Other	<u>94</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>38</u>
Total for Year	1069	2207	2012	458
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	26	21.85	21.85
Field marked	89	74.79	74.79
Insufficient information. Do not dig.	4	3.36	3.36

Total tickets delivered: 119 Total responses received: 119 Response rate: 100.00%

Regarding water main replacements, Aqua's work continues in the Township. There were no impacts on our sewer system this month. Coordination with USIC and Aqua has improved during the process.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None.

**REPORTS OF CONSULTANTS**

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

The contractor for the Bortondale pump station will be back on-site next week to continue the removal of rock.

Routine support and data collection continues with regard to One Call mark-outs.

Regarding sewer mapping, data is being collected on newly-installed pumps, when applicable, to be added to the web map. Mr. Kelly will verify and confirm the force main location in Rose Tree Park.

Mr. Kelly is awaiting confirmation from Mobile Dredging/Video Pipe on the start date for Sewer District 3 jetting and camera work. This is the fourth and final year of the contract.

**MR. ERNEST ANGELOS, SOLICITOR**

Copies of the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement Presented to Christopher Darhun and Darhun Construction, Inc. were distributed for consideration of the UPTSA Board for the property known as 923-925 N. Orange Street. It calls for a \$600 permit fee per parcel, for a total permit fee payment of \$1,800 for all three houses.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION:** Mr. David Daniel moved to approve the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement by and between the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority and Christopher Darhun and Darhun Construction, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-05-21)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**KBX GOLDEN APRIL REPORT**

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

KBX responded to lag alarms at Valley View and Bortondale pump stations; diagnosed an issue and cleaned the wet well at Letitia Lane pump station; did full maintenance on

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**generators at Valley View, Winter Street, Toft Woods, Rose Tree and Media; and did quarterly cleaning at Farnum and Crum Creek.**

**MOTION: Mr. David Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting of May 10, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-05-22)**

**The meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be on June 14, 2023.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Stella B. Thompson**

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19. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2023 as presented.
20. Approval of the voucher list of May 10, 2023 as presented.
21. Approval of the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement by and between Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority and Christopher Darhun and Darhun Construction, Inc. . Seconded by Mr. Edwin Reardon. Motion carried unanimously. (MOTION 23-05-21)
22. Adjournment of the meeting of May 10, 2023.