# MINUTES UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP STORMWATER AUTHORITY August 16, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

## STORMWATER AUTHORITY BOARD

James G. Cochran, Chairman Richard A. Castranio, Jr., Vice Chairman Jeffrey M. Walter, Treasurer Kenneth M. Martin, Secretary Ginnie M. Anderson, Asst. Secretary

## **TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Scott W. Fraser, Township Manager Kelly Palmer, Assistant Township Manager Jason Reichard, P.E., Township Engineer Jennifer Boyer, Comm. Dev. Dir. (absent) Stephen Feinour, Solicitor Garrett Vandebrake, Stormwater Prog. Man.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Roll call was taken by Mr. Fraser.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, **SECONDED** by Assistant Secretary Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2023, Stormwater Authority Meeting Consideration/Approval of Bills in the Amount of \$86,735.56 Consideration/Approval of Staff Reports

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Authorization to Advertise Public Hearing for Pollution Reduction Plan**

Mr. Vandebrake shared that we have the pollution reduction plan for our MS4 Program. It lists all of the projects we are completing over the course of our permit cycle from 2018 to 2023. We have adjusted a few of the projects on that plan. We removed the Spring Run Bioswale project that we were originally going to complete. We added in three new projects including Mt. Allen Park Bioswale, Aspen Park water quality basin and the Creekstone water quality basin. To meet our MS4 requirements we need to hold a public hearing showing that we changed those projects prior to our submission of our new Pollution Reduction Plan to the Department of Environmental Protection. This public hearing will have a 30-day written comment period that will start from

whenever we publish the notice. Details of the newly added projects are available for them to view at the office with the newly created/updated PRP. We recommend September 20, 2023, to start before the normal Board of Commissioners meeting.

President Martin asked that since we removed Spring Run, will that project come back later or is it completely done. Mr. Vandebrake said that it the project is not feasible for what we wanted to do and the amount of pollution reduction that we wanted to meet, so we adjusted and pivoted to these other projects. Mr. Reichard said that if we get into a situation where we absolutely need it, we might revisit it again.

Commissioner Anderson made a **MOTION** to authorize the solicitor and the staff to advertise a public hearing to be held on September 20, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the updated pollution reduction plan. The board shall hear testimony during the public hearing. Following the close of the public hearing, the regular scheduled Storm Authority Meeting shall begin followed by the regular scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Castranio. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

President Martin shared that someone was dumpling construction material in a ravine behind Sholly Drive. The contractor has been identified. Mr. Vandebrake said that it has been cleaned up. President Martin asked what the timeline was for Fairmont Drive. Mr. Vandebrake said it will be completed by the end of the year. They are going back through and updating a lot of the basins in Winding Hills because they plan to transfer the common areas to the master association of Winding Hills.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Walter made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm, **SECONDED** by Treasurer Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.