

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 24, 2012**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, in the Authority's meeting room.

**Present:** Timothy Hagey, Assistant Treasurer; William Rissinger, Vice Chairman; Joseph Bonner, Chairman; Gustave Haun, Treasurer; Donald Cameron, Assistant Secretary; William Evans, Secretary. Also present were Joseph Bagley, Solicitor; John Schmidt, Executive Director; Joseph Nolan, Engineer; and Thomas Hauser, Superintendent.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were no reports of officers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that operations for the Authority were normal for the month of December.

Precipitation: 4.65 inches

Average daily flow: 5.67 MGD

Peak day flow: 11.02 MG

Process performance was within acceptable limits. Routine maintenance was performed as scheduled at the plant. Personnel pulled and unclogged the grit pump and were required to fabricate a new discharge flange because the old flange had worn out. Mr. Hauser reported that the chain conveyor drive from the silo had been sent for a repair estimate but they were unable to scrounge spare parts to repair it. The new tie-in to Pump Station No. 1 was inspected. The diesel pump at Pump Station No. 6 came on during a power outage and worked.

There was a general and extensive discussion regarding alternatives to handling and storing dried sludge. There was also a discussion of alternatives to storing dried sludge in the silo. Among the alternatives discussed was a powder-coated metal material to reconstruct the silo.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt**

Mr. Schmidt reported that a QNB check was incorrectly filled out, returned by QNB and is now proposed for signature in the amount of \$33,647.74.

Mr. Schmidt circulated bank documents for signature to confirm check signing by officers.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:50 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with certain landowners in New Britain Township and the potential acquisition of real estate from the same landowners. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 8:16 p.m.

Mr. Schmidt reported on PMAA training scheduled for March 8 and inquired whether Board members wished to participate.

Mr. Schmidt distributed an updated Board information sheet.

Mr. Schmidt reported to the Board about a customer on Westview Avenue whose soft water conditioner malfunctioned causing a large, one-time spike in water usage for one quarter. The equipment has been repaired by a plumber and the individual paid their quarterly sewer bill. The Board discussed the customer's circumstances.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and seconded by Mr. Bonner to reduce the bill to the customer by \$900. The Motion was adopted 5-1.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about any changes or comments to the January 10 Minutes. There were no revisions.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT – Joseph Nolan, P. E.**

Mr. Nolan indicated that he had already discussed the investigation into alternative building materials for the silo earlier in the meeting and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire**

Mr. Bagley notified the Board of a recent decision involving the Right-to-Know Law.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman inquired about the agenda for February 14. Mr. Hahn indicated that he will not be present. Mr. Nolan indicated that the Phase II permit has been submitted to DEP and that he would be meeting with the electrical engineer regarding the Phase II Project. Mr. Nolan also indicated that he would be providing a report on the silo and waste handling. The Solicitor will be sending a letter to certain property owners which may be the subject of discussion at the next meeting.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Approved by the Board with no changes 2/14/12*

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor