

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 28, 2012**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Vice 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**

Mr. Evans presented the report of the Personnel Committee. The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:31 p.m. to discuss a personnel compensation issue. The Board returned to its Regular Session at approximately 7:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Cameron to provide a \$2,500.00 bonus to Allison Oldfield for additional duties undertaken during the absence of Phyllis Frey during a medical recuperation. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Evans also distributed a draft policy regarding the on-call operators which he asked the Board to review. Mr. Evans indicated that the Committee intended to make the policy an amendment to the Labor Agreement.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser indicated that operations for the Authority were considered normal during the month of January, except for a nocardia outbreak.

Precipitation: 2.65 inches

Average daily flow: 4.85 MGD

Peak day flow: 8.16 MG

Mr. Hauser discussed a nocardia outbreak at the end of February. Mr. Hauser indicated that the limits for fecal coliform were well below the limit. He commented on the UV Unit working much better than the previous unit with reduced operator hours and Mr. Hauser's own time freed up from continual problems in the prior unit.

Mr. Hauser indicated that routine maintenance was performed at the plant. The staff repaired a basin blower which was not running. The No.2 DAFT thickened sludge pump

is worn out and prices were secured on replacement of the pump. The prices were similar to the prices for repair of the same pump.

Routine performance was performed as scheduled in the collection system. The diesel pump at Pump Station No. 6 was “officially commissioned”. Authority staff repaired leaks in manholes in the Tower Hill area.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser indicated that the thickened sludge pump will cost about \$9,700.00.

Mr. Schmidt noted that the Authority has recently received its lab accreditation for 2012 and it is an appropriate time to point out that the lab has been accredited annually since 2006 through the valuable efforts of Mr. Hauser and Mr. Lee Cressman, both of whom should be commended.

The Vice Chairman extended compliments to Mr. Hauser and lab technician Lee Cressman for keeping the accreditation in place.

There was a general discussion about testing for the laboratory supervisor position which has not yet been put into place by DEP.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported on the status of electric bills for Pump Station No. 8. The homeowners association accepted the Authority’s offer of payment of \$1,664.61 for the 2011 electric bills for such pump station.

Mr. Schmidt reported that an NOV had been received for Pump Station No. 6. The Authority will keep DEP informed of the status of the slip lining in the Tower Hill area. No fine has yet been imposed in connection with the NOV.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if there were any changes to the minutes for February 14 that had previously been distributed to the Board. There were no comments.

Mr. Schmidt asked the Board if it wished to make a contribution to the Lenape Valley Basketball Scholarship Fund. A contribution was made last year of \$200.00.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and seconded by Mr. Hagey to contribute \$200.00 to the Lenape Valley Basketball Scholarship Fund which includes prominent display of the Authority’s name. The Motion was adopted 4-0 with Mr. Evans abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Schmidt updated the Board on the status of pipe relining in the Tower Hill area. Mr. Schmidt read to the Board correspondence from BCWSA removing Reynolds Inliner from working for BCWSA for pipe relining.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed a proposal with the Board from Insituform Technologies, Inc. through a COSTARs bid. Insituform has a window available in late March for the Tower Hill area work. The written proposal was distributed to the Board.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Hagey to accept the proposal from Insituform Technologies, Inc. to perform slip lining on the sewer line in the Tower Hill area for \$92,520.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt indicated that Insituform would begin in late March subject to the weather.

There was a general discussion regarding the details of the Insituform work. Mr. Schmidt also reminded the Board about the installation of a temporary meter ahead of Pump Station No. 6 for data which will be provided to DEP.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – John Schmidt**

Mr. Schmidt reviewed Mr. Nolan's report during his absence. Mr. Nolan and his staff met with representatives of the silo company. Mr. Schmidt reviewed discussions concerning explosion protection and certain design panels that blow out in the eventuality of an explosion. A sample of dust was sent to a contractor in Florida for testing to determine the level of explosiveness for design purposes. In response to a question, Mr. Hauser stated that the materials stored in the silo was 60-70% organic material.

Mr. Schmidt further reported that the gas line installation by the PECO subcontractor is underway. The Authority has not yet received a proposal for the 150' of line from the meter to the building from the subcontractor, Danella.

Mr. Schmidt briefly reviewed Phase II expansion. In response to a question, Mr. Schmidt commented that he believes the Phase II expansion will improve treatment at the plant. In response to another question, Mr. Schmidt indicated that he believes that the Board would be ready to make a decision on the silo by the next meeting.

A general discussion ensued about dust explosiveness and the design of the silo.

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

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 8:15 p.m. to discuss the acquisition of real estate by the Authority and potential litigation in regards to Pump Station No. 6. The Board returned to its Regular Session at approximately 8:28 p.m.

The Board reached a consensus that Mr. Bagley may contact a title company to obtain a title search in regards to 16 Marshall Circle. As soon as the issue with regard to 16 Marshall Circle is settled, CKS Engineers is authorized to perform a survey of Pump Station No. 6 and the easement pertaining thereto.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Vice Chairman announced that the next meeting will take place on March 13 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Approved by the Board with no changes 3/13/12*

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor