

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2012

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports of officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Haun provided the report on behalf of the Finance Committee. Mr. Haun reported that the Finance Committee is recommending an increase of the sewer rates of 10%. He reported that there probably should have been a 5% increase this year, but that did not happen. The Authority will need to borrow more money to complete Phase III of the Expansion and Upgrade Project. The Committee has concluded that the increase is needed to pay down the long-term indebtedness of the Authority. Mr. Rissinger expressed some opposition. There was extensive discussion on the topic of raising sewer rates.

Mr. Nolan discussed the scope of work for Phase III of the Expansion and Upgrade Project. He reported that Mr. Schmidt has not yet reviewed the scope of work and it has not yet been completed by CKS Engineers. Mr. Hauser is still making recommendations to Mr. Nolan about the scope of work.

Mr. Hagey entered the meeting at approximately 7:41 p.m.

A consensus of the Board was reached to continue the discussion of a proposed rate increase at the next Authority meeting on November 13.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that operations were normal for the month of September. Flows were low.

Precipitation: 3.35 inches

Average daily flow: 2.89 MGD

Peak day flow: 4.45 MG

Process performance was within all acceptable levels.

Mr. Hauser discussed the use of recycled ferrous chloride and its acquisition from a supplier. He stated that a second tank is going to be constructed during the Phase II Expansion and Upgrade Project so that additional loads of recycled ferrous chloride can be purchased when available and stored for later use.

Mr. Hauser reported that the lift pump for the main pumping station was repaired and returned to the plant.

Mr. Hauser reported that Leslie Truscott was drafting a letter with the Solicitor's assistance regarding a delinquency in the Madison escrow account. Mr. Bagley discussed the delinquency.

Mr. Hauser reported on the demolition of the silo structure.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser stated that the Authority began using gas for the dryer approximately one (1) month ago. Mr. Hagey asked for a report on the price difference of operational costs after approximately one (1) month of the conversion to gas. Mr. Hauser indicated that he would provide such a report at a future meeting.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the contractor in the Phase II Project has delivered an office on-site. The demolition of the A&B tanks is underway. CKS Engineers has been receiving a large amount of shop drawings and reviewing same. The contractor is removing the interiors of the tanks. The electrical contractor is disconnecting equipment and energizing offices as part of the contract.

Mr. Nolan reported on preparations for Phase III of the Expansion and Upgrade Project. Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Hauser and Mr. Nolan have met twice to prepare the scope of work for Phase III. Mr. Nolan expects to prepare a differentiation of the cost sharing between Chalfont-New Britain and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority and once that comparison is prepared to provide an estimate to BCWSA for Phase III.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported on the delinquency of the escrow account of Madison.

In response to a question, Mr. Bagley indicated that he has not heard anything from Mr. Lemek or his attorney.

In response to a question, Mr. Bagley indicated that the BCWSA Operating Agreement is completely signed, one (1) original of the Agreement was sealed this evening and will be sent to BCWSA.

The Chairman called for items for the agenda for the November 13 meeting. The proposed rate increase was included on the agenda.

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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary