

# CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2013

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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 from officers.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports from the committees.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations were considered normal for the month of January.

Precipitation: 3.55 inches  
Average daily flow: 4.25 MGD  
Peak day flow: 8.61 MG

Most of the flows were the result of two (2) rain events. Process performances were all within limits.

Routine maintenance at the plant was performed during the month. An underground potable water line was repaired, as well as a sheared valve box line. The two (2) old, thickened sludge pumps were removed to determine parts needed for repair.

Personnel also assisted the General Contractor in identifying underground piping and the new polymer systems were started up.

Routine maintenance in the collection system was performed as scheduled. Personnel televised Farber Drive and repaired four (4) leaks found. Gertrude Drive and Tower Hill Road were also televised. Pump draw downs were performed at Pump Stations #4, #6 and #7 to check performance.

A question was raised by the Board as to whether there were any operational problems with the plant during the month to which Mr. Hauser responded no.

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

Mr. Schmidt presented the preliminary 9-month budget report. Mr. Schmidt reviewed revenues and expenses and answered questions about insurance and administrative expenses. Mr. Evans asked a question about utility usage and Mr. Schmidt indicated that the Authority should expect a \$100,000 savings on conversion to natural gas. Mr. Schmidt also discussed the Fund 3 Capital Projects entries and the Fund 2 Project entries. Mr. Schmidt answered a question about the elimination of the Hatfield Township connection once the Phase II Project is completed. Mr. Schmidt indicated that the Connection Management Plan would likely be eliminated once the Phase II Project is completed at which time the Authority could do away with the Hatfield connection which should reduce the sewer bills of those customers involved in that connection.

Mr. Schmidt once again announced that there would be PMAA training on March 13 for those who wished to attend the seminar.

Mr. Schmidt presented a news article from *The Intelligencer* quoting DEP Secretary Krancer about his comments on the issuance of a notice of violation.

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

Mr. Nolan reported on the status of construction projects for the Authority. New treatment tanks have been installed and most of the structural work on those tanks is completed. The inter-connection between the two (2) tanks was installed. A new landing and a new door were installed at the DAFT building. The base next to the new chemical tank was poured. Much of the site piping is underway. Mr. Nolan commented that he is pleased with the progress of the general contractor. There was a meeting with the electrical contractor to coordinate work. The meeting lasted approximately five (5) hours. The electrical consultant being used by the Authority was present to answer questions from the electrical contractor. Mr. Nolan indicated that he needed the electrical contractor to begin work.

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

Mr. Bagley reported that he had contacted the Doylestown Township Solicitor in regards to the Easement Agreement for the bike trail. The Solicitor indicated that he would incorporate Mr. Bagley's comments into a final Easement Agreement document.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:53 p.m. to discuss the pending TMDL litigation before the Environmental Hearing Board/Commonwealth Court with counsel. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 8:19 p.m.

The Vice Chairman inquired about the agenda for the March 12 meeting. Mr. Schmidt indicated that more detail would be presented with regard to the 9-month budget with updated figures.

**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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary