

# CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**June 25, 2013**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, in the Authority's meeting room.

**Present:** Joseph Bonner, Chairman; 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. Timothy Hagey, Assistant Treasurer was absent.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Evans complimented the employees of the Authority who came out on the Authority truck to do work in the vicinity of Langhorne Road. He indicated that they handled the public very well and he was very complimentary of the manner in which they conducted themselves.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

On behalf of the Facilities Committee, Mr. Cameron discussed proceeding with the tour of the plant to review the Phase III Facilities. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Committee would meet Mr. Nolan and Mr. Schmidt at the Authority at 3:00 p.m. on July 23 for the tour.

No other committees had reports.

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

Mr. Hauser reported that plant operations were less than optimal during the month of May. The suspended solids in the effluent were higher than the Superintendent would have liked for suspended solids in the effluent and the phosphorous limit was exceeded. Mr. Hauser discussed pump problems with a ferrous chloride pump which was showing output and was thought to be pumping but was not. The pump was eventually identified as nonfunctioning and rebuilt but not in sufficient time to address the exceedence.

Precipitation: 5.05 inches

Average daily flow: 4.24 MGD

Peak day flow: 7.12 MG

In the collection system, the Authority personnel televised the line on Sunset Avenue to locate laterals for the North Wales Water Project. Authority personnel also rebuilt the manhole on Lindenfield Parkway and Jason Drive in connection with paving being performed. Sewer lines

in Brittany Farms were televised for leaks. At least seven (7) leaks were sealed up on Devon Road.

In the plant, work was continued on the silo electrical and mechanical issues. A thickened sludge pump was installed in the DAFT. Authority personnel worked on the grit pump – it was found bound up with rags. There was a DEP inspection of the plant during the month. No violations were found.

The Superintendent was asked about the phosphorous exceedence. He indicated that it looked like the Authority was going to make the limit but in the end it did not. Questions were asked about a similar type problem in the future when the SCADA system is installed. Mr. Hauser indicated that the SCADA system will not indicate whether the pump in question is out of commission. There was extensive discussion regarding the failed pump masquerading as an operating pump due to a siphon going through the pump. There were discussions regarding penalties. Mr. Hauser was asked about the cost of the new pump and was told it was about \$7500. He also discussed the predecessors to the failed pump (diaphragm pump). A discussion ensued regarding newly-delivered permission for the Authority to use the new ferrous storage tank. Questions were asked by the Board members about whether the Authority is shorthanded. Mr. Hauser discussed vacations in the month of May.

There was extensive discussion about the DEP inspection.

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

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Board of Supervisors wished to meet Authority representatives on Monday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. The New Britain representatives will meet with Mr. Schmidt at the Township Building on Monday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Schmidt reported to the Board that the amendment of the existing service agreement with Warrington was executed in connection with the 4-lot subdivision at the end of the cemetery.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether there were any changes to the June 11 minutes. No changes were offered.

There was a discussion about a ride in the Authority truck in the upcoming parade.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that he is working on a cost allocation for all three (3) phases of the Upgrade and Expansion Project. He has received Mr. Schmidt's final revisions and is working on a final version that can be sent to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. The report will include up-to-date figures including the final costs for Phase I, the cost of Phase II based upon construction bids and the estimates Mr. Nolan has provided for Phase III.

Mr. Nolan reported on the status of working with Thomas Controls on the Phase II project. He reported that there is improved production from Thomas Controls. CKS has received the submittal from Essex which had been forwarded to the electrical engineer Keystone. It consists of 104 pages. Mr. Nolan reported on progress meetings that had been taking place and better communication between the general contractor and Thomas Controls. Mr. Nolan indicated that

CKS will continue to have interim meetings with Thomas Controls and he believes there is better communication between the electrical engineer and Thomas Controls.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire**

The Board recessed into executive session at approximately 8:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with a former employee of the Authority. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 8:07 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman asked whether there was anything anyone wished to put on the agenda for July 9. Nothing was offered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary