

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Vice Chairman, William Rissinger, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2014 as distributed to the Board. The motion was unanimously adopted.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2014 with one revision (the identity of the Solicitor). The motion was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports of Officers presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt explained the background surrounding the energy contract with Constellation Energy. Mr. Schmidt reported on his discussions with a representative of Constellation Energy and the Company's existing and extended contract with the Municipal Utility Alliance. Constellation Energy has offered the Authority a quote of 20¢ less per kilowatt beginning December 2013. Constellation Energy offers a 2-year, 3-year or 4-year contract. After discussion, there was a consensus that Mr. Schmidt should obtain proposals from at least two (2) additional energy suppliers.

Mr. Haun inquired about the status of the Pump Station No. 1 property. Mr. Nolan reported that the lot line change had been approved by New Britain Township.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were any board members interested in attending the PMAA Board member training in March.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether the Board was interested in sponsoring a team for the Lenape Valley Basketball Scholarship Tournament.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to authorize sponsoring a team for \$200. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Evans inquired about gas cards from the Township.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that he and Mr. Schmidt met with representatives of Carroll Engineering (Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority) to discuss the cost breakdown involving the Upgrade and Expansion Project. The parties’ discussion took place on February 10. A tour of the plant was also given to the Carroll Engineering representatives as background. The representatives indicated that they will talk to officials at BCWSA about the information they have been provided.

Mr. Nolan also reported that a new startup date with Siemens has been provided for the Phase II work – March 17. The Electrical Contractor has stated that it would be ready for Siemens by March 17.

Mr. Nolan presented Requisition No. 134 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$4,947.95 involving the water well control system. He recommended approval to pay Requisition No. 134.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve Requisition No. 134 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$4,947.95. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 177 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$165,749.76 for Phase II and Phase III items. Mr. Nolan recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve Requisition No. 177 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$165,749.76. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Gustave Haun, Treasurer

Mr. Haun presented the General Operating Expenses in the amount of \$228,317.31 for the month. He also presented the previously-approved Capital Expenditures as well as the previously-approved Capital Improvements and he presented payments to Loan Fund 3 in the amount of \$75,601.49 for total expenditures of \$474,616.51 and he recommended approval to pay the bills.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve payment of the bills for the month in the amount of \$474,616.51. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the salary increases authorized by New Britain Township. Mr. Hagey made a motion to increase the salary of Mr. Haun based on the authorization. There was no second. The motion failed for want of a second.

Mr. Cameron inquired about signage. Mr. Schmidt reported that he and Joe Nolan had a meeting with Doylestown Township about Phase III. The issue of a sign was also brought up at that meeting. Doylestown Township would be willing to discuss internally whether they will offer a license to the Authority for placement of a sign within their right-of-way on Upper State Road.

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 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary