

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 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 Joseph Bagley, Solicitor; John Schmidt, Executive Director; and Joseph Nolan, Engineer. Chairman Joseph Bonner was absent. Thomas Hauser, Superintendent, joined the meeting after it commenced.

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

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

The Superintendent's report was deferred until Mr. Hauser arrived.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that a connection request was received for 1606 Upper State Road which had earlier been approved by the Township. The approval sought is for a farmhouse and a separate out building with an apartment on the tract. The dwellings are difficult to access by sanitary sewer but the best route appears to be under Upper State Road.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the connection to 1606 Upper State Road for 2 EDUs. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the preliminary 9-month expense report distributed to the Board. He requested that the Board review the report prior to the Authority's second meeting in March at which time he will request approval of the operating expenses.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the proposal by a developer to subdivide a property on Sellersville Road into 3 lots.

Mr. Schmidt reported on his contact with two electricity generators for quotes. The two vendors contacted were First Energy and PP&L. Mr. Schmidt has not received anything definitive in terms of quotes back from either generator. Mr. Schmidt did confirm that Warminster Authority's contract is similar in price and structure to Constellation Energy's. Constellation Energy's price has fluctuated by approximately 1% from week to week since their original quote was provided to the Authority. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he would wait one week to put out feelers to each of the vendors about the quotes requested.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were any modifications to the draft February 11 minutes. No modifications were offered by the Board.

A question was asked about Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's upgrade costs. Mr. Nolan reported that the representatives of BCWSA with whom he met stated that they would go back to their Board and would subsequently contact this Authority about BCWSA's position. No communication has been received from the BCWSA representatives.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations were less than optimal during the month of January. Cold temperatures caused freezing of out-of-service clarifiers and frozen scum problems on the circular clarifier. Cold temperatures caused some broken chains and freezing up in the influent channel. The frozen scum contributed to a high suspended solids discharge.

Precipitation: 2.85 inches
Average daily flow: 4/93 MGD
Peak day flow: 9.42 MG

The freezing resulted in suspended solids excursion for one day. Personnel were shoveling snow, thawing tanks and chipping ice. It was necessary to rebuild the centrifuge feed sludge pump after obtaining some parts.

There were heating problems in the DAFT building which were remedied. The final effluent sampler pump failed which was then swapped with the influent sampler. Personnel rerouted electrical circuits so that Thomas Controls could accomplish their work. A second lift pump went out on a seal failure. The meter service company was here to resolve problems with the BCWSA influent meter which turned out to be a problem with the transducer. The transducer was replaced.

In the collection system, personnel televised lines on Farber Drive, Kathryn Road, Dorset Way and Palace Court for infiltration. Manholes were opened in the Highlands checking flows for signs of influent infiltration. There was a sewage backup at 431 Patrick Place which turned out to be an internal plumbing problem where a clog resulted in flow coming out in the lowest spot.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser stated that the DAFT building is where the sludge thickeners are located.

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

Mr. Nolan updated the Board on a lot line change at the former Pump Station No. 1 property. The Township approved the subdivision with conditions. A plan was revised to show the location of 5 corner pins. The plans will have to be recorded. The Township waived the placement of concrete monuments.

Mr. Nolan reported on the status of the Phase II Upgrade and Expansion Project. The electrical contractor will have everything ready for March 17th. The engineer is scheduled for another meeting on March 6th with an update from Thomas Controls. Siemens is scheduled to send startup people to the plant on March 17th. CKS has asked Thomas Controls to set up some guidelines on what will be the sequence needed for startup. Siemens was asked to have a representative available for the March 6 meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

There was a discussion as to whether the Board had authorized the conveyance of property and the execution of deeds to the property owners adjoining former Pump Station No. 1.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to convey the lands subdivided by the lot line change and certain easements to Robert and Barbara Wherry and Cornell and Neala Hopkins in exchange for the payment of expenses not to exceed \$2000 each. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary