

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2014

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman 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

Mr. Evans reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee met at 3:00 p.m. today. No clear cut medical insurance plan, which appears to make sense to the Personnel Committee, is available to the Authority at this time. There is a possibility that rates for Aetna health insurance may be reduced by December compared to what they are offering now. Mr. Schmidt will approach the collective bargaining unit to extend the contract until December. Mr. Schmidt was also directed to start advertising in mid-May for a new employee in the office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that plant operations were much improved during the month of March (as compared to February), notwithstanding a flow shutdown to accommodate the General Contractor and an electrical shutdown to accommodate the Electrical Contractor. The Electrical Contractor needed the shut-down to install some circuit breakers.

Precipitation: 3.35"

Average Daily Flow: 5.9 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 14.4 MG

Suspended solids were better than last month and CBOD was under 5 parts per million on average. Nitrates were very low and were subject to a seasonal limit anyway. The new UV unit continues to perform well.

Routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. Personnel monitored the water line project out of Forest Park. Some laterals were televised at Brittany Drive and new lateral connections on Oxford Lane were inspected. A leaking manhole was sealed. Mr. Hauser discussed various plant projects including replacing a coupling on the No. 3 aerator and repairing a loose bearing base on {00894346 }

the same aerator. Mr. Hauser reported that a manhole cover near Upper State Road was loose, with evidence of wetness outside of it. It was reported to DEP as an SSO resulting in an inspection in March. DEP subsequently issued a notice of violation. Various questions were asked about the report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt presented a request for a sewage capacity approval for Estates at Peace Valley located on Sellersville Road for 3 EDUs. The capacity approval form was distributed to the Board for review.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve 3 EDUs for Estates at Peace Valley subject to the terms of the approval form. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt informed the Board that an invoice had been issued to BCWSA for \$2,318,541.00 for its share of construction costs to-date for the Upgrade and Expansion Project.

Mr. Schmidt introduced J.J. Kelso from CKS Engineers as the Project Manager of the Upgrade and Expansion Project.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the April 8 Minutes had been distributed to the Board. There were no comments regarding the Minutes.

There were questions from the Board regarding the status of the soccer fields and discussions with the soccer league. There was also a question asked of Mr. Schmidt regarding payment for the EDUs at Estates of Peace Valley. Mr. Schmidt reported that once the capacity approval form is signed, an invoice is sent to the developer for payment. In addition, typically, plans for the development are submitted and are reviewed by the engineer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – J.J. Kelso

Mr. Kelso provided an update on Phase II of the Expansion and Upgrade Project. Siemens was onsite three weeks ago, for a total of nine days, for the start-up of the motor control centers. Siemens was onsite again yesterday and was also onsite today. The SCADA consultant, Keystone, was also onsite yesterday. The General Contractor has performed as far as it can at this time. The only remaining work for the General Contractor at this time is in the Grease and Grit area and in the Influent Pump Station.

The Electrical Contractor submitted a schedule which shows most work will be completed by early June, except for some punch list items. The schedule shows site cameras being installed on June 8. The final punch list will be completed in mid-July.

Mr. Kelso reviewed Change Order No. 1 of Thomas Controls in detail. He discussed paragraphs A. through F. of the Change Order including additional relays, the placement of circuit breakers, installation of duct bank, extra work in connection with the Influent Pump Station, installation of the SCADA system in the Grease and Grit Area and a credit for not installing the MCC in the respective buildings. The total of Change Order No. 1 is \$145,388.78.

Certain questions were asked about a future credit from the Electrical Contractor for paving. The paving will be postponed until Phase III of the Project. In addition, the General Contractor will be providing a credit regarding the deferred paving.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Rissinger to approve Change Order No. 1 for Thomas Controls in the amount of \$145,388.78. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Haun reported that he will not be present for the May 13 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary