

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 2014**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, in the Authority's meeting room.

**Present:** Joseph Bonner, Chairman; William Rissinger, Vice Chairman; William Evans, Secretary; Donald Cameron, Assistant Secretary; Gustave Haun, Treasurer; 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**

There were no Committee reports presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that plant operations were challenging during the month as a result of heavy rain and work from construction contractors.

Precipitation: 4.31”

Average Daily Flow: 5.88 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 13.6 MG

Mr. Hauser reported that process performance was generally within limits but two (2) excursions existed for suspended solids by the maximum monthly amount and the maximum weekly amount. The fecal coliforms were well under limits.

In the collection system, personnel performed infiltration and inflow work by checking manholes on Sellersville Road for inserts. There was a discussion regarding inserts. Televising was done at waterline crossings and in other areas. A crew located a buried manhole in New Britain Business Park. A lateral connection was inspected on Liberty Lane. Manholes were raised on Sunset Avenue.

At the plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. A blockage was cleared in the silo conveyor. Crews worked around the contractor and pulled and cleaned the influent screen motors. Personnel overhauled the No. 2 Centrifuge and installed new bearings.

There was a general discussion regarding raising manholes.

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

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were comments or revisions to the June 10 meeting minutes. No comments were offered.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the budget report distributed to the Board at the last meeting and inquired if there were any comments. No comments were provided.

Mr. Schmidt reported that an adjustment to the current year would be made to the report if needed.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the natural gas contract. He reported that during the time that the contract was being worked on, the contract price decreased. The three (3) year term now has the lower price compared to the two (2) year term. The price was down 5% from that quoted at the last meeting. The Solicitor asked for and obtained revisions of the contract from Constellation. Starting in August, the new contract will cut natural gas costs by 25%.

Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board that a ride is available for a Board member for the 4th of July parade.

Mr. Schmidt reminded the applicable Board members about a meeting with New Britain Township representatives on Monday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Schmidt will circulate a short list of agenda items. It was requested that the former Wordsworth property be put on the list.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that CKS sent the completion certificate to DEP for the Phase II project. The Authority is waiting for an inspection by DEP. Typically, DEP thereafter issues some type of correspondence approving the construction.

Mr. Nolan reported that a meeting with the Electrical Contractor is scheduled for Thursday. There will be many in attendance, including the Electrical Engineer. It is the intent of the Authority to get the Electrical Contractor to commit to an end date for the project. In response to a question, Mr. Nolan responded that there is retainage in place for the Electrical Contractor and a portion of the contract remains to be paid. The Electrical Contractor has represented that it will be finished by July 18, yet the Electrical Engineer says there is no way that the Electrical Contractor can finish by July 18. The General Contractor will be complete by June 30.

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

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

#### **JULY 8 AGENDA**

The meeting with New Britain Township is on the agenda for July 8.

**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 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary