

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2014

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, July 22, 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 Joseph Bagley, Solicitor; John Schmidt, Executive Director; and Joseph Nolan, Engineer. Thomas Hauser, Superintendent was absent.

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

John Schmidt presented the Superintendent's report on behalf of Mr. Hauser. Plant performance for the month of June was improved.

Average Daily Flow: 3.72 MGD

Process performance was in the 98-99% range.

Authority personnel televised the lateral at Los Sarapes, where they located and excavated a buried trap and installed a Tee. In response to a question, Mr. Schmidt reported that the lateral issues were on the borderline, right of the curb line. An infiltration leak was also repaired.

A discussion ensued regarding restaurants in the Borough.

The original proposal was to possibly replace the street part of the lateral. It consists of approximately 20 feet of pipe back to the main. However, once the trap was found, it was removed from the line.

Authority personnel also televised the line out on Schoolhouse Road, and fixed a leak which was found.

Problems concerning Thomas Controls were noted in the Superintendent's Report. With regard to the power outage caused by improperly secured covers on the main power panel in the generator room, Mr. Nolan stated that an incident report was prepared and the employee of Thomas Controls was interviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the incident. The cover fell on a bus bar while the control panel was live, tripping the plant's main breaker.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that Thomas Controls, at the last meeting with them, stated that the Authority owed them some documentation. That documentation was provided to Thomas Controls and as of today, Thomas Controls was supposed to provide a final schedule. Thomas Controls is still in the process of completing its work. Mr. Nolan estimated that they are 98% complete.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt stated that when the insurance policies were issued at the beginning of the year, he missed an invoice that had been received. The carrier subsequently sent the missing invoice. Accordingly, Mr. Schmidt requested Board signatures on the check to pay the carrier and that the Board will see the check on next month’s bill list.

There was a discussion regarding the Pump Station No. 6 complaints. DEP was called by the homeowner. There was a discussion with the DEP official regarding the two (2) 2014 SSOs. One was related to a power failure in February. The other occurred in May when there was flooding around the region.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he will be sending a reminder letter to the local neighborhood that sump pumps may not be connected to the public sanitary sewage system.

There was a discussion regarding the water main break near Cedar Hill Road. There was a discussion about a DEP fine to the water authority.

ENGINEER’S REPORT (continued) – Joseph Nolan, P.E.

Mr. Nolan reported that next Thursday DEP will inspect the Phase II Project as part of the procedure to certify the new sewage capacity. A final inspection will take place on Thursday and hopefully the Authority will receive a letter from DEP certifying completion of the project.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Hagey asked a question about the TMDL bill from Powell Trachtman.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman inquired about the agenda for August 12. Mr. Bagley reported that he will not be present and that Andrew Freimuth will appear in his place.

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 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary