

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2015

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were normal for the most part during the month of December, with the exception of an event that occurred on Christmas Eve. The laboratory technician was out for a period of time and during that time the sampling was processed by QC Labs in Southampton. This was the backup procedure in the laboratory's approved procedures.

Precipitation: 4.25 inches

Average Daily Flow: 4.53 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 8.21 MG

Total suspended solids exceeded the permit limit as did CBOD from the Christmas Eve event. Mr. Hauser discussed the collection technique with regard to properly collecting from the sampler. As a result of the absence of the lab technician, only the minimum number of samples were being submitted to the laboratory for processing. With regard to the Christmas Eve event, there were high flows that evening due to rain and there was perhaps too much flow for one (1) clarifier.

In the collection system routine pump station maintenance was performed as scheduled. The Authority had an inspector at the Pine Valley Project. Personnel witnessed demonstration of new sewer inspection technology. The Authority plunged a vent at 183 Cardinal Drive, flushed the lateral and televised the lateral. Personnel replaced a faulty control float for the backup diesel pump at Pump Station No. 6. The Plant forklift was tuned up. A lateral section was replaced from the main to the cleanout at 506 Mt. Airy Avenue.

In the Plant, lighting fixtures in the laboratory were replaced in December. A control problem at the main pump station was reported to Thomas Controls who responded by correcting the problem in the No. 4 Pump due to improperly-set overloads. Bearings and Drives Unlimited performed the programming and startup of two (2) variable frequency drives for the return-activated sludge pumps

in the rectangular clarifiers. The Authority's quarterly whole effluent toxicity testing was performed. The wearing strips in the bottom of the rectangular clarifiers were repaired.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser responded that the Authority typically samples four (4) times a week for suspended solids but because the lab technician was absent, the Authority only did the minimum needed because the testing was being sent to an outside laboratory.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that a check was prepared and signed in advance of the February meeting for DEP laboratory accreditation renewal which will be placed on the bill list for the next meeting in February.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he will be absent for the March 10 meeting.

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

Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Phase II work at the Plant. The punch list for Thomas Controls is down to a few items. Thomas Controls has submitted reviews and manuals which they are obliged to submit under the Contract. Most of the submittals were approved; two (2) required minor revisions. Mr. Nolan will be touching base with Thomas Controls at the end of the week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley provided a summary of two (2) proposed sewer use ordinances for each of the municipalities to review and adopt. Mr. Bagley reviewed with the Board the parts of the ordinances including a mandatory connection provision, regulations for fats, oils and grease monitoring and maintenance obligations, inspections at the time of transfer of real estate and regulations pertaining to grinder pump systems. Mr. Haun asked a few questions and made suggested revisions. The Board reached a consensus that the ordinances should be finally revised and provided to each municipality for review.

Mr. Bagley provided an update on the TMDL permit appeal. Mr. Bagley also discussed a pending appeal involving the land application of sewage sludge.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for any items for the February 10 meeting. Mr. Cameron indicated that he may be absent for the February 10 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 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary