

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2015

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was remarked that Mr. Hagey called to say that he could not attend the meeting today.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports from officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at approximately 4:02 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with a contractor. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 4:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were improved for the month of January.

Precipitation: 3.77 inches

Average Daily Flow: 4.16 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 6.99 MG

Process performance was within limits. The UV system was reported to be doing a "good job".

In the collection system, personnel flushed a section of the line on Airy Avenue to remove roots. Personnel inspected a lateral tie-in at 132 Cedar Hill Road. The Authority was called out to 65 Woodside Avenue for reported seepage into a basement that appeared to be sewage. The crew went out and confirmed that the seepage appeared to be sewage. They televised the lateral to determine if there was a break. None was detected and the homeowner was left to continue the investigation on his own. The left pump at Pump Station No. 7 was pulled and was rebuilt at Flygt. Personnel located a manhole on Curly Mill Road which had been buried. They replaced a manhole lid which had been knocked off by a snow plow and discovered in a pile of snow. They continued to clean up scrap metal from the construction project. The TV truck had a lateral camera repaired.

In the Plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. The replacement of the lights was previously reported. A fixture in the laboratory was replaced. On January 18, high flows due to rain and a brief power failure resulted in icing causing the rectangular clarifier collector to break necessitating repairs in a gear box. On January 31, C&T Associates completed pump station work with plant staff on site to assist and control flows.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser reported that treatment was good during the month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt commented that the Authority personnel came in to assist C&T Associates at 2:00 to 3:00 a.m. on a night when the temperatures began to appear in single digits and with 40 mile per hour winds.

Mr. Schmidt distributed the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Preliminary Operating Budget. He commented that it was for the purpose of sending out the annual bill to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Schmidt explained that the 9 month revenues were not yet complete because he was distributing the budget one month earlier than usual. He is looking for approval of the Preliminary Operating Budget at the second meeting in March.

Mr. Schmidt commented that most of the expenses in the budget are less than those budgeted. The treatment plant and administrative expenses are the ones he uses to send out the bill to BCWSA. Natural gas and electric power are both down about twenty percent (20%) on the generation portion of the bill.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the February 10 Board meeting minutes had been distributed to the Board and asked for any corrections. No corrections were suggested.

Mr. Schmidt raised an issue with regard to building lateral insurance. There was a general discussion regarding building lateral insurance.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he and Mr. Hauser will not be present for the March 10 meeting. Following a discussion, a consensus was reached that the March 10 meeting would go ahead as scheduled.

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

Mr. Nolan indicated that he had nothing further to report. He expected the meeting with C&T Associates within a couple of weeks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley said that he had nothing additional to report.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The potential discussion about Mr. Schmidt's and Mr. Nolan's meeting with the contractor may be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary