

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 26, 2015**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Vice 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 presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were less than optimal during the month of April. The staff was addressing very high mixed liquor concentrations due to high flows, a problem with one of the waste-activated sludge pumps, and a polymer mixing system. There was a final effluent permit excursion that spanned two sampling events before it was brought under control. The instantaneous maximum for suspended solids was exceeded.

Precipitation: 2.30 inches

Average Daily Flow: 4.35 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 7.68 MG

The average limitation for suspended solids was met though the instantaneous maximum was exceeded. All other process performance was good.

In the Plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. The No. 3 pump at the main pump station was pulled due to vibration and low pumping volume. After it was reinstalled, the pump was okay. Due to a breaker problem, two pumps were switched.

Personnel fabricated and installed new splash guards for the No. 2 aerator. One pump is still at Flygt for repair. Personnel looked at the resonating wave issue. Ongoing work on the No. 1 aerator was completed. A problem with the waste-activated sludge pump was worked on. It turned out to be a control issue. Personnel also pulled wires for the SCADA system to the top of the silo.

In the collection system, personnel flushed lines, sealed joints and televised the lateral and other runs.

There was a general discussion regarding the waste-activated sludge pumping problem and the ultimate solution.

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

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 4:10 p.m. in order to discuss potential litigation with a contractor.

The Board returned to its Regular Session at approximately 4:16 p.m. Mr. Wallack left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Schmidt reported on a sewer backup in three homes on Chatham Court for which a detailed report had already been distributed to the Board. Mr. Schmidt also discussed the insurance coverage aspects of the backup.

A question was asked about the cause of odors in the area near Detwiler Road. There was discussion about farmer activity in that area.

Mr. Schmidt concluded the discussion regarding the sewer backup by explaining he was waiting to hear from the insurance company for the Authority. Mr. Schmidt met with the homeowner and walked through the house at 652 Chatham Court.

Mr. Schmidt reported on his receipt of proposed dental and life insurance coverage. The existing coverage would be increased for renewal by 3-4%. Alternative coverage has been proposed for dental, life and disability with United Concordia for the dental coverage for a savings of \$4600 per year. The savings on life insurance and disability is only a slight savings. Mr. Schmidt plans to appear at the next Board meeting with a recommendation. The insurance policy for the life and dental plans expires on July 1.

Mr. Schmidt previously reported on the Maurer Tract having been sold to another entity. Prior to that news, there had been no correspondence involving the Tract since 2009. The sewer planning module for the property was approved and the new owners are in the process of updating it. The project was proposed to have grinder pumps. Mr. Schmidt discussed the possibility of a new pump station in the vicinity of the Mauer Tract to eliminate the grinder pumps. Such a proposal will be discussed with the developer. Back in 2009, 12 new single homes were proposed for the Tract.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether there were any revisions to the minutes from May 12. No revisions were suggested.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he expected to have a preliminary budget for the fiscal year end at the June 9 meeting.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Vector truck will be included in the parade for the Fourth of July, as it is annually, and is looking for a volunteer rider to represent the Authority.

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

Mr. Nolan stated that the Phase II Update has already been discussed. The close out of the contract with C&T is expected at the next meeting.

In regards to Phase III, Mr. Nolan dropped off revised plans for Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Hauser to review.

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

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No new items were introduced for the June 9 meeting. Mr. Haun indicated that he will not be able to attend the June 9 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 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary