

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 28, 2015**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that there were problems encountered in Treatment Plant performance in June. There was a very high final effluent, suspended solids reading on June 1. The phosphorous concentrations in the final effluent averaged just above the permit limit for the month as a result of fluctuating Oxidation Reduction Potential values.

Precipitation: 7.21 inches

Average Daily Flow: 3.51 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 5.46 MG

The phosphorous instantaneous maximum readings for the day exceeded the 1.0 mg/L limit. In the collection system, Pump Station No. 8 had maintenance performed on it. Two sections behind Hellberg Avenue were treated for roots. Repairs to the Vactor truck, which were previously mentioned at a meeting, were discussed. The phase monitor at Pump Station No. 6 was replaced.

In the plant, a transducer problem with the main pump station and high flows from a 1.6 inch rain resulted in high instantaneous max flows for the plant. The transducer problem was repaired. A bad circuit board was replaced involving the DAF Thickener polymer feed unit. Personnel from Rockwell Automation replaced the burned out circuit breaker for the No. 3 lift pump. Plant staff performed some electrical work for Thomas Controls in preparation for start-up of the utility water pump control panel.

There was a discussion regarding the manhole in front of Luke Oil sinking. There was a discussion that this manhole is not an Authority manhole.

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

The Board recessed into executive session at approximately 4:07 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with a contractor on the Phase II Project. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 4:29 p.m.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to file a Praecipe for Writ of Summons against Thomas Control and its surety. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wallack left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Schmidt requested the closing of Escrow No. 108 for 122 Sellersville Road.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to close Escrow No. 108 for 122 Sellersville Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt next presented the sewage capacity form for 12 dwellings at the Estates at Julius Farm, formerly the Maurer Tract.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve the sewage capacity form for the Estates of Julius Farm. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported on a meeting with the developer of the Estates at Julius Farm and Mr. Nolan. After discussion, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Nolan recommended that the proposal to eliminate Pump Station No. 6 by re-routing sewage flow would be prohibitively expensive at this time. There was a discussion about obtaining an easement from the developer for future use if the elimination of Pump Station No. 6 were to take place at a later time.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the proposed bike trail by Doylestown Township. There was discussion regarding the bike trail counting against impervious coverage in terms of any future land development plans of the Authority, safety issues regarding the bike trail and the impact on the soccer fields. There was also a discussion regarding a future sign for the Authority near the street. There will be another meeting with Doylestown Township regarding the bike trail.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Hagey, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Nolan's anticipated absences for the August 25 meeting. There was a discussion among the Board whether to hold the August 25 meeting. The decision will be made at the August 11 meeting.

Mr. Schmidt reported on an invitation to all the Board members for the opening of the New Britain Township park.

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

Mr. Nolan indicated that an update had already been provided on Phase II.

Mr. Nolan made a substantial presentation on the details of the proposed Phase III project. A handout entitled “Project Location Plan” was distributed to the Board. Mr. Nolan highlighted various features of the proposed project. There were questions asked and answered about roofing systems and lighting. Mr. Nolan indicated that the Project would be ready for bids in approximately two months.

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

Mr. Bagley indicated there was nothing additional to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman called for items for the agenda for August 11. On the agenda will be the decision whether to cancel the last meeting of the month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary