

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2018

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed employee Daniel Kulp and the Chairman read a Proclamation adopted by the Board celebrating Mr. Kulp's 40 years of employment with the Authority. Mr. Evans reported on a manhole overflowing on a property recently. He reported that Mr. Kulp appeared very quickly at the site after a call was placed to the Authority. Mr. Kulp knew how to fix the problem and did it a very swift and efficient manner. Mr. Kulp was congratulated on his 40 years of commendable service to the Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Other than the report given above by Mr. Evans, there were no reports of officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were less than optimum during the month of February. A heavier than normal mixed liquor concentration along with some high flows of cold water set up a filamentous (bacteria whose cells resemble filaments and are often branched) outbreak. Sludge wasting was increased and conditions improved, however the filamentous sludge caused dewatering issues with the centrifuge with high polymer usage as a result. No violations occurred.

Precipitation: 7.3 inches

Average Daily Flow: 6.78 MGD

Peak Flow: 11.72 MG

Mr. Hauser reviewed the parameters and the process performance and all were within limits.

In the Plant, there was a high wet well level situation, with the No. 5 pump not pumping. Upon inspection, it was found to be airbound and the problem was corrected. The vents in the gas regulator were piped to the outside of the dryer building in case of any future leak in the diaphragm. The Grit and Grease Unit Pump was found to be worn out and a new pump was ordered. Personnel are continuing to work with construction contractors who are finishing the Phase III Project.

In the collection system, the Pine Run meter pit required maintenance (grease chunks removed). Personnel changed control points at Pump Station No. 9. There was an SSO at the Chalfont Village Shopping Center which turned out to be a customer problem. Personnel inspected 2 tie-ins or connections at the Colebrook Development.

The Board asked a question regarding the sanitary sewer overflow at the Chalfont Village Shopping Center. Mr. Hauser reported that it was the result of a grease blockage, one from a restaurant and another blockage from a bank. A plumber had taken care of a problem at the bank the day before but had merely moved the blockage down the sewer line. In discussing follow-up, DEP stated that they will follow-up with the restaurant and the bank.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the Preliminary Expense Budget. He explained that a revised copy had been distributed to the Board. Mr. Schmidt explained that he revised allocations of payroll within the Budget. The second page of the Budget generates the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's expense for the invoice for the end of the year.

There was a question from the Board regarding the miscellaneous income item. Mr. Schmidt explained that insurance monies resulting from the fire have been placed in the item for miscellaneous income for the time being. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he will have a dialogue with the auditor at the time of the audit about the categorization of the insurance company payments. Mr. Schmidt briefly discussed his past use of the column "miscellaneous income". Mr. Schmidt also reviewed items received for sewage disposal reflecting off-site disposal as a result of the temporary shutdown of the dryer building. Mr. Schmidt reported that the sewer rental reflects the recent 5% increase voted by the Board. He also explained the issue of road crew wages being down in the Budget due to the temporary absence of some personnel.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the 2017-18 Preliminary Operating Budget. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt next presented the sewage capacity approval form for 952 Upper State Road. The proposed connection is to the low pressure sewer line installed by Rolling Ridge, and requires the use of a grinder pump. This is the first of what could prove to be more lateral connections to the Rolling Ridge sewer line. The property owner will be paying a connection fee to the developer. In response to a question, Mr. Schmidt explained that each lateral connection will involve a grinder pump. The amount of capacity is 1 DU for 952 Upper State Road.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve 1 DU capacity for 952 Upper State Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

In response to a Board question, regarding how many feet up the road the lateral line will be pumped, Mr. Nolan responded possibly 20 feet. There was also a discussion regarding 2 check valves being part of the lateral line.

Mr. Schmidt reported that a PMAA dinner is scheduled for May 17 and Mr. Hagey is one of the panelists for the panel discussion that evening.

Mr. Schmidt indicated that he will be absent from the second Authority meeting in April. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Evans also indicated they may be absent from the first meeting in April.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the March 13, 2018 minutes had been distributed to the Board. There were no suggested changes.

Mr. Hauser discussed running the first batch of sludge in the sludge dryer in the near future.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the Contractor LBI is not on the site very much any more. The only thing remaining is regrading and finishing the infiltration trench along with final site grading and seeding. Mr. Nolan and Mr. Schmidt expect a joint walk-through with the contractors during the next week or two with punch list items being prepared.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Evans indicated that he will pursue information from the Fire Company regarding the May fire report.

Both Mr. Evans and Mr. Cameron confirmed that they may not be present for the next meeting.

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 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary