

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2018

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports of officers were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Plant operations were less than optimal during the month. On March 22, 2018 there was an overnight blockage in a telescopic valve in one of the rectangular clarifiers. When the valve clogged, the sludge blanket rose over the weir. Mr. Hauser characterized it as a one-time occurrence which caused a permit violation for Total Suspended Solids in terms of the average and the percentage of removal.

Precipitation: 4.95 inches

Average Daily Flow: 7.38 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 15.15 MG

The Plant experienced four (4) Nor'easters during the month. There was power lost in the plant for approximately one-half hour as a result of an emergency generator issue which turned out to be governor control wires which had broken off.

There were questions asked of Mr. Hauser regarding the telescopic valve which clogged.

Mr. Hauser also reported that the dryer was made operational, experienced problems including leaking, bad motor bearings, conveyor controls not functioning properly and batching issues. As a result, sludge was continued to be hauled to the composting facility.

Mr. Hauser reviewed certain work performed in the collection system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at approximately 5:09 p.m. regarding personnel issues. The Board returned to its Regular Session at approximately 5:12 p.m.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that he had participated in a walk-through inspection involving Mr. Hauser, Mr. Schmidt and an inspector from CKS. The walk-through resulted in the preparation of a punch list which was provided to the General Contractor. There was a second walk-through inspection for the Electrical Contract which resulted in an electrical punch list.

Contractor LBI performed some work onsite during the past two weeks. Mr. Nolan noted that most of the exterior doors in the plant have been replaced and older windows were also replaced. Mr. Nolan expects the next site work to include the infiltration trench, cleaning up stones and seeding. Mr. Nolan provided details that 44 exterior doors have been replaced and roofs on the older buildings have also been replaced.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported on the status of communications with the owner of 48 West Hillcrest Avenue in regards to damage to a sewer line on the property.

Mr. Bagley next presented the Developer's Agreement for the Estates at Peace Valley.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the Developer's Agreement with Pennington Property Group for the Estates at Peace Valley. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hagey asked a question about a reference in the April 10 minutes to a newspaper ad for a vacancy for an "operator". Mr. Bagley acknowledged that he would discuss the reference with Mr. Schmidt.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the May 8 Agenda. None were suggested.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary