

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2018

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: Joseph Bonner, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; Gustave Haun, Treasurer and William Evans, Secretary. Also present were: John Schmidt, Executive Director; Joseph Nolan, P.E., Authority Engineer; Joseph Bagley, Authority Solicitor; and Thomas Hauser, Superintendent. Lawrence Nuesch, Assistant Secretary was absent. In the beginning of the meeting, Timothy Hagey, Assistant Treasurer was not present.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports of officers were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports were presented. The Property Committee will schedule a meeting in due course.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that the Treatment Plant operations were less than optimal during the past month. On May 17, the Plant experienced a solids loss which exceeded the Plant's instantaneous maximum limit, which resulted in an exceedance of the average monthly limit for solids loading. Heavy flows due to precipitation and a high mixed liquor concentration were the major source of the problem.

Precipitation: 8.38 inches

Average Daily Flow: 5.63 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 12.27 MG

Mr. Hauser further reported that the grit and grease traveling bridge was not working in the automatic mode resulting in manual operation. The new dried biosolids discharge conveyor developed a problem where the liners became loose. The liners were removed and personnel met with the Authority Engineer and a representative of the manufacturer. The discharge conveyors are now functioning again. The Authority could not troubleshoot the dryer problem due to addressing the discharge conveyors issue.

BSI programmed the new power meter which had been installed and utility water system controls.

A question was asked about the entry in the Superintendent's report regarding working with New Britain Township to flush stormwater lines. Mr. Hauser responded that water tanks in the Vector truck are used to flush stormwater lines.

A question was asked about the problem with the conveyor. Mr. Hauser reported that the issue was discovered with regard to the liners when working on the dryer problem. The liners put in during construction were replaced with a permanent metal liner made from stainless steel.

Mr. Hagey entered the meeting at this point.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the shaft-less screw conveyor and the liner issue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported on the issue regarding the clogged lateral on West Hillcrest Avenue. The homeowner has not been able to obtain a breakdown of costs from Roto Rooter for an approximately \$4209 bill. As discussed at a prior meeting, the bill included the installation of a water heater. There was a discussion regarding approximating the deduction of costs for the amount for the installation of the water heater.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to reimburse the homeowner at 48 West Hillcrest Avenue \$3,209.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the continuing need for fuel oil. Mr. Schmidt presented the winning bid obtained by the Bucks County Consortium for No. 2 fuel oil. The winning bidder was Petroleum Traders.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the Consortium Bid by Petroleum Traders for No. 2 fuel oil. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he made a conditional offer of employment to a maintenance mechanic with 15 years experience with the usual pre-employment conditions.

Mr. Schmidt reported that some of the items in the budget are changing, for example, insurance is going down from the original estimate because the renewal has shown the premium with a slight downturn (commercial general liability insurance).

Mr. Schmidt reported that minutes of the June 12 meeting were distributed. There were no suggested changes to the June 12 minutes.

Mr. Schmidt announced that he will miss the July 10 meeting due to vacation.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the final punch list for Phase III is winding down. The landscape subcontractor's work is almost completed. Site restoration is nearing completion. The remaining items of the punch list are mostly paperwork.

Mr. Nolan reported that he met with Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Hauser regarding overall paving of the Plant. The final amount and the type of work has been determined. Mr. Nolan advised that the bids will be opened on August 8. A general discussion about the proposed paving ensued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley mentioned that a release will be obtained from the owner of 48 West Hillcrest Avenue.

Mr. Bagley advised that certain owners along Cedar Hill Road are delinquent in their payments under the Installment Payment Agreement for Tapping Fees entered into with the Authority back in 2011. Correspondence was sent to the property owners in May with no response received and new correspondence will be going out to the property owners next week once a third payment deadline has passed. Mr. Bagley anticipates that he will be requesting authorization to file suit

against the property owners at the upcoming July 10 meeting if the matter is not resolved by that time.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman suggested that the authorization for suit will be put on the agenda for July 10.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun 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