

# CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2013

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:31 p.m. Attorney Jeffrey Wallack, of Wisler Pearlstine, was also present. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 7:58 p.m.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to authorize Attorney Jeffrey Wallack to provide construction advice. The Motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Wallack left the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Evans reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee that the Personnel Committee met last week. The Committee looked at various alternatives in terms of medical insurance for the next fiscal year and recommended renewal of the current Aetna plan as the best option for the next year, notwithstanding a 45% increase. Mr. Evans pointed out that even with the increase, that plan is still better than what would have been obtained under the proposed renewal three (3) years ago from Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the Aetna healthcare insurance plan recommended by the Personnel Committee. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Evans also presented information on behalf of the Committee regarding the short-term disability insurance plan. The Board had previously extended the short-term disability insurance plan for one additional year beyond the requirements of the CBA. The Committee is recommending no further extension. The Committee is contemplating recommending the provision of an AFLAC program for individual choice. There was a consensus of the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Evans also indicated that the Committee discussed the possible changing of the anniversary date for the health insurance plan moving to December 31, 2013. Such a move would allow almost six (6) more months under the current plan at the same rates, subject to the move being actually offered by Aetna.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reviewed the process performance for the month. The instantaneous maximum limit for suspended solids was exceeded along with the loading limit. Mr. Hauser explained that the final effluent suspended solids reading was an anomaly and there was no explanation that could be found for why the limit was exceeded.

Precipitation: 3.3 inches  
Average daily flow: 4.81 MGD  
Peak day flow: 7.73 MG

Mr. Hauser explained the work done in the plant in the collection system including removing wires for C & T's work in Phase II, mounting a chain conveyor drive on top of the silo and began working on the electrical part of the silo work. Personnel also spent an extensive amount of time working on I & I in the collection system.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported on the discussions involving healthcare insurance, with the short-term disability coverage representing the largest proposed increase, which coverage was being dropped.

Union wages are scheduled to increase by 2.5% on June 1 in accordance with the CBA.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the Bucks County Consortium fuel bids distributed to the Board in a bid sheet. Mr. Schmidt reviewed the prior annual purchase of approximately 60,000 gallons when needed for the dryer which has now been converted over to gas. There is approximately 7,000 gallons currently in the fuel oil tank. Fuel oil is still needed for the back-up generator. In response to a question, Mr. Hauser indicated that the generator uses approximately 50 gallons an hour.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Rissinger to accept the fuel oil bid for No. 2 heating oil from East River Energy in the amount of \$0.0207 per gallon delivery charge. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether there were any changes to the April 9 minutes. There were no changes suggested.

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

Mr. Nolan indicated that he generally provided the status of the Phase II Project during the Executive Session. Mr. Nolan also reported on the design of the new roof for the digester building. Mr. Nolan proposed it would involve trusses and a peak roof and it was proposed that the replacement would be done in the summertime. Mr. Schmidt indicated that it would have a low profile and be a slant roof.

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

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 8:18 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with a former employee of the Authority. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Evans asked a question about the Authority’s electrical supply going off-line during construction work in terms of the power agreement with PECO. Mr. Schmidt indicated that there would have to be much discussion prior to the Authority agreeing to have its power supply go off-line as a result of the contractor’s work and the timing of such an interruption would be very critical in such discussions.

**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 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary