

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2013

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports of officers were delivered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Cameron reported on behalf of the Facilities Committee that the Committee had been conducted on a tour by Messrs. Schmidt and Nolan to observe the construction work of the Phase II Project and to examine the facilities proposed for work in Phase III. Mr. Cameron said the tour was a success and thanked Messrs. Schmidt and Nolan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

In Mr. Hauser's absence, Mr. Schmidt delivered the Superintendent's report for the month of June. A copy had previously been forwarded to each of the Board members. It was reported that there was an overflowing manhole on Upper State Road which the Authority investigated. It was determined that one of four pumps in the pump station tripped out (electrically) during a heavy rain event causing the overflow. The overflow was reported to DEP.

Precipitation: approximately 11 inches

Average daily flow: 5.9 MGD

The plant met all process performance parameters. Authority personnel checked on the Water Authority Project which was crossing a CNBTJSA sewer line. There was a discussion regarding the construction work in the woods behind Creekside Bar where a 24" CNBTJSA interceptor was being crossed by a 48" Water Authority pipe. The Water Authority is bypassing the CNBTJSA line and cutting out the sewer line (which they will replace). There was a brief discussion regarding other areas of construction involving the Water Authority.

Mr. Schmidt reported that sewage was discovered flowing out of the ground near 146 Cedar Hill Road. An investigation determined it to be a neighbor's septic tank overflowing (gray water).

The Authority has been televising sewer lines and repairing leaks in the Tower Hill area and the Brittany Farms area. Authority personnel also fixed a problem with a sludge pit transducer. Permanent repairs were made to the bridge arm which had been bent several months ago. There was work performed on the Silo Project but 2-3 days of centrifuge and dryer equipment downtime are needed to complete the work. The dryer cannot be shut down because the Authority is currently behind in sludge processing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that the past month’s minutes had been distributed to the Board. Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board that he had emailed out the cost allocation report, and he had two copies available at the meeting for anyone who wanted a hard copy. \$4.1 million (approximate) is being requested as BCWSA’s share.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that progress is good in the Phase II Project. Mr. Nolan was on the tour this afternoon with the Facilities Committee. He is satisfied with the progress the contractors are making. A progress meeting is scheduled with both contractors for this Friday.

Mr. Nolan reported that he had finalized details on the installation of a new roof on the digester building. Mr. Nolan indicated that there had been discussion by the Authority staff as well as by the Board to eliminate the existing flat roof of the building following recent leaks. Mr. Nolan has designed a peaked roof. A quote was received from the general contractor C&T of \$133,900.00 for the peaked roof replacement.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to authorize a change order for C&T Contractors for \$133,900.00 for the replacement of the roof of the digester building designed by CKS Engineers. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked for items to which will come before the Board at the next meeting. It was suggested that the authorization of a report by CKS for a new tapping fee be placed on the agenda. Mr. Evans indicated that he would not be present for the next meeting. Mr. Bagley indicated that Mr. Freimuth would be present in his place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary