

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 28, 2014**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were no reports of Officers presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser presented the facility operations report for the month of December. Mr. Hauser stated that plant operations were normal for the month of December. However, the cold influent due to the snow melt during the month resulted in a nocardia outbreak.

Precipitation: 5.50 inches  
Average daily flow: 4.74 MGD  
Peak day flow: 8.32 MG

Process performance was good with all readings within limits. Mr. Hauser reported that the UV System was performing well. Routine maintenance in the plant was performed as scheduled. The plant personnel changed out the No. 2 pump in the main pump station due to a seal failure problem. In response to a question from Mr. Cameron, there was general discussion regarding pump seals. The plant personnel also experienced problems with the dryer controls and utilized BSI, Inc. to help troubleshoot the problem, which was determined to be an issue with the pressure switch, and was repaired.

Intermittent problems developed with the BCWSA influent meter. The meter contractor was called to check on the problems. Nothing was found on the initial visit. However, the meter

contractor checked the influent meter again today and found a faulty sensor. The sensor was replaced and the meter appeared to be working properly. Mr. Rissinger asked if the Authority had the responsibility for fixing the problem. Mr. Schmidt responded that it was the Authority's issue to correct since it was the Authority's meter. Mr. Hauser reported that interim readings were conducted to determine BCWSA's flow while the meter was not working properly. Interim readings will continue to be taken over the next few weeks to make sure that the meter is working properly following the sensor replacement.

In addition, a coupling broke on the No. 2 aerator and parts were ordered.

A plant wide shutdown was performed so that Thomas Controls, Inc. could do work in the main circuit breaker panel and the pump station power feed. A generator was used for power during the shutdown.

In the collection system, routine maintenance, including the cleaning of a manhole in front of the self-storage facility on Butler Avenue, was performed as scheduled. The lateral at 198 Lenape Drive was televised to check on the status of a recent repair. The root cutter was used in the line and the line was treated with root killer. Root killer was also applied at 196 Lenape Drive. Verizon was called to correct phone problems at Pump Station No. 4. A portable flow meter has been installed and continues to gather data in the Brittany Drive manhole. The lateral at Los Sarapes was televised. Heavy grease build-up was found and a degreaser was applied. Mr. Cameron asked if Los Sarapes was required to have a grease trap. Mr. Schmidt reported that they were required to have a grease trap and, in fact, the Authority has confirmed that Los Sarapes has a grease trap, and it is being maintained properly at this time. There was general discussion regarding the condition of the lateral which serves Los Sarapes. Lastly, the lateral at 183 Cardinal Drive was televised and treated with root killer.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported that he received a letter than the Lenape Valley Swim Club is closed and going out of business. He also noted that the Swim Club's property had been sold for development.

Mr. Schmidt noted that a flyer had been provided to each member of the Board for a training course presented for authority board members by the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association. Mr. Schmidt requested that he be notified of any interest in attending the training course by the next meeting.

Mr. Schmidt asked for any comments on the January 14 meeting minutes. There were no comments.

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

Mr. Nolan indicated that he met with the Electrical Contractor and the Engineer regarding completion of the Phase II Project. The meeting resulted in the generation of a list of items to complete. Mr. Nolan requested completion dates for such items, which were received today. He will be checking with Siemens to inquire about rescheduling the original start-up date. Mr.

Nolan noted that start-up was intended to be performed in stages. However, Siemens has indicated that it requires the list of items to be completed prior to start-up.

Mr. Nolan reported on the exchange of letters with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's engineer, Carroll Engineering, regarding cost allocation on the Authority's expansion and upgrade projects. Mr. Nolan confirmed that the next step was to schedule a meeting with Carroll Engineers to discuss the outstanding issues in the letters. There was general discussion regarding the respective positions of the Authority and BCWSA on the cost allocation discussed in the letters.

Mr. Evans asked about the deadline for the Electrical Contractor's work. Mr. Nolan reported that March 3 was the target date for the mechanical start-up. Mr. Evans inquired about any impact that this deadline would have on the remaining work of C&T. There was general discussion regarding the completion of work by C&T and the possibility of additional costs to the Authority.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Andrew Freimuth, Esquire**

Mr. Freimuth requested that the Board execute a copy of Resolution 2014-1, which was adopted by the Board at its meeting on January 14, 2014. Mr. Hagey asked Mr. Freimuth to discuss an issue related to compensation with Mr. Bagley for discussion at a future meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board meeting will be February 11, 2014. Mr. Rissinger confirmed that Mr. Nolan will report to the Board any contract issues with the Phase II Project.

**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 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Freimuth, Solicitor

William T. Evans, Secretary