

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 10 and June 24, 2014. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gary Lemek and his wife, Marie Lemek, of 17 Marshall Circle appeared before the Board. Mr. Lemek raised issues with regard to Pump Station No. 6. Mr. Lemek stated that he and his wife had no problems with Pump Station No. 6 for the first 26 years they lived in their house. Mr. Lemek complained about sound from the diesel backup pump, smell from the diesel backup pump and overflows from the manhole cover at Pump Station No. 6. Mr. Lemeck noted an overflow on February 5, an incident in April and an incident in 2013. Mr. Lemek presented photos of the incident in 2013, he showed video from the February 5 storm (stored on a computer), and he showed a video of the incident in April 2014 on a phone.

A discussion ensued regarding the pump at the Pump Station and possible proposals for the site, such as a surge tank. There were discussions regarding the distance to the next "lift station", the slope of the gravity line emanating from Pump Station No. 6 and other issues. Mr. and Mrs. Lemeck then left the meeting.

Mr. Schmidt was directed to prepare correspondence to the Lemeks detailing the steps the Authority will take to address the Lemecks' concerns.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports from Officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that members of the Board met with New Britain Township Supervisors yesterday (July 7). The Supervisors were updated on the Phase II construction progress and the submission of the certificate of completion to DEP.

It was noted that Mr. Schmidt would be getting together at some point in the future with the Township to address on-lot sewers in the Township.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Madison Apartment complex is complete and fully occupied. The Authority is holding a construction escrow in the amount of approximately \$11,949.00. Mr. Schmidt recommended that it be closed out.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to close the Madison Apartment complex escrow account and disburse the funds to Madison. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 4:55 p.m. to discuss a matter involving potential litigation with a commercial property owner.

The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 5:12 p.m.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that C&T, the General Contractor in Phase II, is performing remaining site restoration and constructing drainage swales. There is little left to do by the General Contractor.

A meeting took place last week with Thomas Controls which became heated. The owner and the site foreman were present. The conclusion of the meeting was that Thomas Controls is to provide the Authority with a schedule with a final date for completion of their work. They are claiming outstanding items from the Authority. The last completion date for Thomas Controls was to be July 18. It is now certain that their work will not be completed by July 18.

Mr. Nolan presented Requisition No. 139 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$3,009.68 for pump repair parts. He recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to approve Requisition No. 139 in the amount of \$3,009.68. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 182 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$171,447.73 most of which involved work on Phase II and some design work and permitting for Phase III. Mr. Nolan recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve Requisition No. 182 in the amount of \$171,447.73. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan mentioned that there is a labor and material bond and a maintenance bond for Thomas Controls.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley summarized the Brief of the Authority filed in the Commonwealth Court by Powell Trachtman.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gustave Haun

Mr. Haun reviewed the General Operating Expenses totaling \$241,017.31, the previously-approved Capital Expenditures, Miscellaneous Extraordinary Expenses of \$5,060.07 with the total Operating Expenses for the month amounting to \$249,087.06. Mr. Haun reviewed the previously-approved Capital Improvements, as well as costs payable to Loan Fund No. 3 in the amount of \$75,601.49 with the Total Expenditures for the month amounting to \$496,136.28 and he recommended approval to pay the bills.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Rissinger and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve payment of the Total Expenditures of \$496,136.28. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haun next recommended approval of Escrow Disbursements in the amount of \$2,056.33.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to authorize Escrow Disbursements in the amount of \$2,056.33. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the agenda for the July 22 meeting. Mr. Schmidt remarked that he will be on vacation next week and he has been called for Federal jury duty for July 21 and July 22. He will find out more information at the time as to whether he will have to be at the Federal Courthouse during the July 22 meeting. Mr. Hauser will be on vacation on July 22.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary