

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2016

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: William Rissinger, Vice Chairman; Donald Cameron, Assistant Secretary; Gustave Haun, Treasurer; and Timothy Hagey, Assistant Treasurer. Also in attendance were John Schmidt, Executive Director; Joseph Nolan, P.E., Authority Engineer; Thomas Hauser, Superintendent and Joseph Bagley, Esquire, Authority Solicitor. Joseph Bonner, Chairman 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 from officers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations for the month of February were considered normal with the exception of some high flow days and a few days of extremely cold temperatures but not at the same time.

Precipitation: 5.10 inches

Average Daily Flow: 6.94 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 13.93 MG

Process performance was within all limits.

Mr. Evans joined the meeting at this time.

In the Plant, high flows were experienced on February 3. A dryer alarm was activated on February 10 when a screw conveyor tripped. Mr. Hauser reported that a blower to the A-anoxic tank was turned off when signs of nocardia were developing.

In the collection system, sewer lines on East Hamilton Street were televised at which time some roots were discovered. The roots were cut and will be treated with root killer when the weather gets better. Twenty-four (24) manholes were inspected for inflow and infiltration. The Township's loader was borrowed to load two (2) tractor trailer loads of biosolids. Mr. Hauser reported that manholes with steel risers were being checked for signs of rust.

A Board member asked a question with regard to the cold weather and its effect on phosphorous. Mr. Houser responded that the cold weather did not adversely affect the treatment of phosphorous. Mr. Hauser cautioned that he has not yet filled out the DMR at this point.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported on past discussions and correspondence with DEP. The Board recessed into Executive session at approximately 4:08 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with DEP.

The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 4:19 p.m.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to authorize the amount to be paid to DEP in connection with a CACP of \$31,089.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

A question was asked by the Board with regard to coming up with a plan to limit permit exceedances. Mr. Schmidt responded that the staff will come up with a proposal on how to limit exceedances in the future.

Mr. Schmidt made reference to the 2016-17 operations budget which was distributed to the Board at the meeting. The budget proposes the total shared expenditures between the Authority and BCWSA. The operations budget would also fix the amount for the quarterly invoice for BCWSA. The Board reviewed the budget.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the 2016-17 operations budget. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the electrical power usage by the Authority over the past several years and circulated it in the form of a graph. Mr. Schmidt discussed past electricity savings and a proposal to raise the budget for electricity costs this year. A discussion ensued regarding CPower (formerly Constellation Energy) and the annual refund for the Authority's reduced demand response. Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board that the contract for electrical reduction provides for an average of \$20,000.00 in a refund.

Mr. Schmidt also discussed EPA regulations with regard to non-emergencies. The Authority's generator would require emission controls if the Authority is to continue to receive the approximately \$20,000.00 reductions from CPower. The Authority is going to begin discussions with Ransome CAT about the emission controls.

A discussion ensued with regard to solar power usage.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether there are any changes to the March 8 minutes. No changes were suggested.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the Authority opened bids today on the Phase III Project. The lowest bid from general contractors was received from LB Industries in the amount of \$3,669,525.00. The lowest bid from electrical contractors was received from BSI in the amount of \$1,723,000.00.

Mr. Nolan reported that the low bids received were \$63,000.00 below the estimate by CKS.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to accept the low bids from LB Industries and BSI for the Phase III Project pending approval of contract documents and bond documents and reference checks. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

In response to a question, Mr. Nolan stated that the start date for the general contractor may be mid-April or May. The expectation would be that the electrical contractor would start later. There will be pre-construction meetings with the successful contractors. There will also be coordination meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

The Board recessed into Executive session at approximately 4:41 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with a contractor.

The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 4:51 p.m.

APRIL 12 AGENDA

The next meeting of the Board will be April 12.

ADJOURNMENT

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 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary