

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2016

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports of officers were present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were considered normal for the month of April with the exception of an outbreak of microthrix parvicella (a type of filamentous bacteria). The Superintendent was compelled to contact DEP to obtain approval to treat the bacteria before the Authority could order the chemical necessary.

Precipitation: 2.70 inches

Average Daily Flow: 3.31 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 4.46 MG

Process performance was within all limits.

An aerator bearing in the early stages of failure was discovered; the Authority is looking into an alternative replacement.

Electrical repairs were made to conduit on a clarifier. Repairs were performed on the No. 1 return activated sludge pump. There was a discussion regarding clogging of the pump prior to the repair.

In the collection system, repairs and adjustments were made to the Pump Station No. 4 control panel and impeller. The Authority finished the metal riser survey and prioritized repair work.

Seven final water meters were read. Four vents were plunged. All information from the old hand-written TV sheets was entered into the computer. Snow removal equipment was “summerized”.

The Board had a question about notifying people not to put grease and rags into the collection system. It was suggested that the Municipalities be contacted about possible inclusion of such a notice in municipal newsletters.

There was a general discussion regarding the new organism encountered- microthrix parvicella.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Rissinger delivered a report on behalf of the Personnel Committee. The Committee interviewed a candidate with electrical experience. There was a discussion regarding staffing.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to offer the position of operator to Brian Carroll conditioned upon a criminal background check, a physical examination and a substance abuse test. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt discussed with the Facilities Committee the purchase of a spreader for the farmers to use to spread bio-solids. Many of the farmers do not have a dry material spreader. There was discussion regarding a large bio-solid contractor spreading its own material on farms.

The Authority researched used dry material spreaders. Telephonic or written quotes for at least three different spreaders were obtained. The selected spreader was inspected by Authority staff and determined to be in good working condition. The Board asked questions regarding maintaining the spreader. There was a general discussion regarding a proposed acquisition of the spreader.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Rissinger to purchase a used bio-solid spreader from MGD Tractor and Equipment of Lebanon, PA for \$11,400.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported the contract renewal with the Auditor Bee Bergvall was due.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to renew the contract with Bee Bergvall. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the Phase III Contractor mobilization has started. The General Contractor dropped equipment off and trailers have begun to appear on site.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported that he and Mr. Schmidt met with the Township Solicitor, Manager and other staff members to discuss the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance. Good progress was made and the Ordinance is being edited for return to the Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the agenda for the June 14 meeting.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he was meeting with Doylestown Township on Thursday morning to review the proposed trail. Mr. Schmidt expects to get an idea of the Township's timetable.

ADJOURNMENT

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 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary