

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26, 2016**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee reports were presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations for the month of June were improved. Final effluent quality improved through the month and the filamentous bacteria, *Microthrix Parvicella*, returned to normal levels.

Precipitation: 1.90 inches  
Average Daily Flow: 2.60 MGD  
Peak Day Flow: 3.37 MG

Process performance was within all parameters. Routine maintenance was performed as scheduled in the plant. Mr. Hauser reported the necessary work performed in the plant, including rebuilding brakes on the forklift and fixing an oil leak on a waste pump. Mr. Hauser discussed turning off air to the anoxic tanks and its apparent effect in making the *Microthrix Parvicella* issue gradually go away. The wet incline sludge conveyor was making a grinding noise because a bearing had worn out. A new bearing has been ordered.

In the collection system, nine (9) mainline runs and eighty-seven (87) laterals were treated for root control. Two (2) laterals were televised. Fourteen (14) manhole chimneys were sealed. Personnel started up the potassium permanganate systems at all pump stations.

A question was asked from the Board regarding what was used to seal the manhole chimneys. Mr. Hauser discussed a caulk that is put in the cracks.

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

For the Oxford Land Development Escrow Account, the Board has already approved the closing of the account. A check was made out too late to be included on the Authority's bill list for July 12.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve the escrow check for the Oxford Land Development Account. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt noted that the minutes for the July 12 meeting had been distributed. There were no comments provided for the minutes.

There was a question from the Board regarding the extension to the administrative office building. Mr. Schmidt responded that a 28' x 8' extension is being added to the administrative office building consisting mostly of enlargement of the utility room to house a well system, a tub sink and filters. The construction crews have moved an electrical line and poured a foundation wall.

There was a discussion regarding the siding on the front of the building and the color of the new roof. An issue was raised about the possibility of changing the siding in light of the new roof color.

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

In terms of the Phase III Update, Mr. Nolan reported that CKS is still reviewing shop drawings and submittals. The Electrical Contractor relocated a transformer for the office building. A progress meeting with the contractors had previously taken place and was noted to the Board at the last meeting. An additional progress meeting will take place each month during the Project.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire**

Mr. Bagley reported that an easement agreement for Doylestown Township's bike trail had been received on July 25 and is being reviewed by the staff.

Mr. Bagley also reported that Mr. Schmidt and he have been working on revisions to the proposed New Britain Township Sewer Use Ordinance and that he expects to be sending it to the New Britain Township Solicitor in the near future. He also reported that similar changes will need to be made to the Chalfont Borough Ordinance so that they are similar.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Certain questions were asked about the Barkley Road Subdivision and the development on the Maurer Tract on Walters Road.

The Chairman provided an update on Mr. Rissinger's health status.

There was a question asked about items for the August 9 meeting. None were suggested.

The Board asked a question about the status of well water. There was a discussion regarding well water of the Authority.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Hauser needed updated Authority cell phones.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary