

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2016

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: Joseph Bonner, Chairman; Gustave Haun, Treasurer; William Evans, Secretary. Also present were Joseph Nolan, P.E., Authority Engineer; John Schmidt, Executive Director; Thomas Hauser, Superintendent and Joseph M. Bagley, Authority Solicitor. William Rissinger, Vice Chairman, Donald Cameron, Assistant Secretary and Timothy Hagey, Assistant Treasurer 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 the plant had less than optimum performance during the past month due to a nitrates permit excursion.

Precipitation: 3.10 inches

Average Daily Flow: 2.36 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 4.02 MG

Except as noted above, process performance was within all limits.

A problem with the centrifuge building exhaust fan was repaired. Personnel repaired the main pump station supply air fan. The No. 2 lift pump was pulled and tested because it was making noise. No problem was found with the pump. D&B Controls made a follow-up visit to address main pump station control panel issues. The No. 1 lift pump was removed from service to accommodate the Electrical Contractor (BSI) with their work. Personnel applied epoxy patches on skimmer troughs for the rectangular clarifiers. Clog in the bio-solids silo was removed and removed bio-solids were hauled to a nearby farm.

In the collection system, personnel TV'd 1506 feet of sewer main and 299 feet of laterals at Cole Brook. Four final meter readings were read.

The Board discussed the epoxy coating work with Mr. Hauser. The Board also asked questions regarding the cause of the permit excursion. There was a discussion regarding the delay in receipt of certain lab results. Mr. Schmidt discussed the purchase of new equipment so that nitrates results could be obtained right away.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt asked the Board if any of them will be attending the PMAA meeting on November 17th.

Mr. Schmidt presented a letter from CKS Engineers that included their new rate schedule for 2017.

Mr. Schmidt presented two (2) revised checks to be signed by the Board. The Bill List as approved by the Board last meeting is correct and unchanged, however these two checks were not printed correctly. Mr. Rissinger's health status update was discussed. Mr. Schmidt stated that the minutes have been distributed to the Board and asked for any changes. No changes were recommended.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that work continues on the Phase III project. The Contractor is replacing sprockets in the settling tanks. The Contractor is also getting ready to do work in the two (2) digester tanks. The foundation for the bio-solids building was started. Mr. Nolan reported that he is pleased with the progress of work.

Mr. Nolan reported that certain change orders and credits will be proposed at the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Nolan discussed that the Board had previously approved new roofing systems on various buildings in the amount of approximately \$187,000.00. That proposed work, along with certain stormwater and handicapped ramp work due to Township Code requirements, along with certain aeration tank work and coating of the inside of digester walls, along with certain credits that have been obtained due to the elimination of certain work, will result in proposed change orders of approximately \$165,000.00 instead of \$187,000.00 simply for new roofing systems.

There was a discussion about the inside of the digester tanks and the age of the original coating. A consensus was reached that the Authority should proceed with the coating system.

Mr. Nolan presented the Annual Consulting Engineer's Report. Mr. Nolan explained that it was undertaken at the same time as reconciliation of future billings to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Nolan reviewed changes in the hydraulic design of the plant, plant performance during the past fiscal year, maintenance and improvements during the past year, and expenditures and monies owed by the Authority and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. The reconciliation for the past year is that Chalfont-New Britain owes BCW&SA \$16,459.31. From

the Report, Mr. Nolan reviewed flow allocations, the estimate of payments by BCW&SA in 2016-2017, budgeting, rate structure, and expected expenditures in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Nolan reported that he will finalize the document and provide copies to the Board.

There was a further discussion regarding the testing result delay discussed earlier in the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported that he has been in communication with the New Britain Township Solicitor regarding his review of the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the lack of a quorum, no Motions were made or passed.

It was announced that the Engineer's Report will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. (Robert's Rules of Order permits a motion to be adopted to adjourn even in the absence of a quorum.)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary