

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 24, 2017**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

There were discussions regarding various Board members having seen and briefly spoken to Mr. Rissinger.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee reports were presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations were considered normal during the month of December. He reported that very cold weather set in for a period of time.

Precipitation: 4.10 inches

Average Daily Flow: 2.57 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 6.86 MG

Mr. Hauser reviewed the process performance of the plant which met all applicable standards.

In the Plant, the No. 1 DAFT (sludge thickener) sludge pump leaked sludge into the basement which required a cleanup. The problem was found to be a leaking air release valve. Also the No. 1 aerator tripped out and the problem was found to be a broken coupling for which parts were ordered. There were several dryer alarms which were routinely addressed. In the UV System, cord connectors and a circuit breaker were replaced as they were found to be getting hot and had burnt the connection. The circuit breaker was replaced.

In the collection system, there was a preliminary meeting with the potential developer of the Frost tract. Mr. Hauser described the installation of a device for leveling manholes for the road to preserve some manholes from snow plows. Sewer lines on Overlook Drive and Skyline Drive were televised and root killer was applied where necessary.

A question was asked from the Board with regard to the circuit breaker as to whether a short existed. Mr. Hauser responded that an electrician doing work on other equipment noticed that the power cord and the circuit breaker were warm to the touch and he recommended replacement.

There were questions regarding an employee's timing of retirement during 2017.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported that signatures for an auto payment for the bank loan of the Authority were needed and they were obtained from the appropriate officers authorizing automatic payment of the bank loan.

Mr. Schmidt reported on receipt of the letter of resignation of Mr. Rissinger. The Borough is reviewing applicants for the position. Mr. Cameron explained that the Borough has been in contact with him about a replacement.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the flyer for PMAA training on March 1, 2017.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the distribution of Board information for 2017 and asked for any corrections. None were proposed.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the receipt of a letter from an employee thanking the Authority Board for the banquet in January.

Mr. Hagey requested a revision of the minutes to reflect the fact that he was not absent at the first January meeting.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that work is continuing on the Phase III Project. A construction progress meeting will occur next Thursday. Concrete walls for the new sludge building were poured. The general contractor is working on piping for blowers to reuse the existing blowers. The electrician is continuing work at various buildings on site. The first phase of the administrative building is complete. No major issues have developed so far during Phase III. Mr. Nolan is confident that work will be completed before the end of the year. There was a brief discussion regarding Phase IIIA which will involve paving which will be performed last.

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

Mr. Bagley reported that he sent an email to the Township Solicitor regarding the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman called for items for the February 14 agenda. None were suggested.

**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 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary