

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2017

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 were generally normal during the month of June. The Phase III construction project was ongoing while staff dealt with the cleanup of the May fire.

Average Daily Flow: 3.76 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 7.28 MG

Process performance was within all parameters.

Personnel set up a temporary conveyor to remove sludge from the centrifuge building. The plant experienced two (2) electrical power failures during the month, the second one the result of the main breaker tripping. It is expected that some of these electrical issues will be addressed with the ongoing construction project. Personnel dealt with BCWSA influent on June 6 which appeared dirtier than usual, containing activated sludge. The result was a lot of solids received. There were high flows on June 24 with the operator on duty initiating high flow operations and averting any operational problems.

In the collection system, the start ball for Pump Station No. 6 was trouble-shooted and replaced in the diesel backup pump. Routine maintenance was performed as usual. There was a pre-construction meeting for the Patriot Station apartments. Four (4) vents were plunged.

A question was asked from the Board about the location of Patriot Station. That question was answered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that the representatives from Fenton paid a site visit to assess the dryer. The dryer was opened up and certain parts have been ordered by the manufacturer. BSI is examining the wiring in the dryer building and is rewiring the dryer back to the control panels. The large sludge pile has been removed and taken to the composting site.

The Board asked a question about the construction of conduit. It was confirmed that conduit is still typically made of metal.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the photograph of the Board turned out well and will be distributed to the Board.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Township has invited representatives from the Township to the New Britain Township Work Session on Monday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he and the Solicitor will be on vacation during the August 22 meeting. There was a discussion to evaluate at the next meeting of the Authority on August 8 whether to cancel the August 22 meeting.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that there was a progress meeting on the construction project last Thursday. The proposed work for BSI included new lights and conduit in the dryer building and the centrifuge building.

An estimate for the materials and work for the biosolids building has been received. Material requiring long lead times, such as trusses, will be ordered immediately. The estimate received includes, among other things, windows, power-washing and painting. The estimate does not include electrical work or the work on the Fenton Dryer.

There was a general discussion regarding the status of the dryer. Two (2) days have been spent evaluating the dryer by the manufacturer’s representatives.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the August 8 meeting. It was decided to put the Superintendent’s report on the agenda for the August 8 meeting in the event that the meeting on August 22 is cancelled.

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 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary