

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2018

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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 considered normal during the month of January. A high flow event during the weekend of the 13th occurred without any process upsets. The No. 2B rectangular clarifier experienced mechanical problems. The newly-installed skimmer chain broke, resulting in removal of the No. 2A & B clarifiers from service. The general contractor is making repairs.

Precipitation: 3.3 inches

Average Daily Flow: 3.54 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 7.59 MG

Mr. Hagey entered the meeting at this point.

Mr. Hauser reviewed process performance which was within parameters.

In the Plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. During cold weather, a water pipe in the lab burst. The leak was caught early and was repaired. The cause appeared to be an insulation issue which was remedied. A shutoff valve was installed in the event there is an issue in the future. A SCADA control issue was resolved. Personnel repaired a broken bottom sludge collector chain in the No. 1 DAFT, a flight was also replaced. Heat in the dryer building was started up by the contractors. Personnel continued trouble-shooting at the No. 2 lift pump. BSI found a ground-fault short circuit and is continuing to trouble-shoot problems at the No. 2 lift pump.

In the collection system, personnel marked PA-One calls. Connections at Lots 41 and 42 in the Colebrook Project were inspected. Meters were read and worn parts were replaced on the lateral camera.

In response to questions, Mr. Hauser reported that a couple of ceiling tiles were damaged in the laboratory as a result of the water leak but nothing else. Insulation was moved back into place where it had been peeled back in certain locations. Both building insulation and pipe insulation was added at the site of the leak.

There was a brief discussion, in response to a question, regarding electrical lockout policies. Mr. Hauser confirmed that the Authority generally follows an electrical lockout policy.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported on information received regarding Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority's Lateral Maintenance Program and contact he had with New Britain Township about the Program.

There was a general discussion about the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority Lateral Maintenance Program. The consensus was reached that Mr. Schmidt will contact the Borough regarding the same issue and Mr. Bagley will contact Solicitor Peter Nelson regarding the Township's inquiring about the Lateral Maintenance Program.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he will go over the Preliminary 2018-2019 budget at the next meeting.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were any changes to the February 13, 2018 minutes. None were offered.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that certain stormwater management facilities have been installed as required by Doylestown Township in connection with the Phase III Project. Such facilities will retain additional runoff from rain.

Mr. Nolan reported that the conveyor in the dryer building will be started up next week. Final grading and seeding will take place soon. The Phase III Project is getting close to the end. Mr. Nolan reminded the Board that there is still another contract to be let out regarding final paving of the entire site. Mr. Nolan expects that to take place in the Summer.

In response to a question about landscaping, Mr. Schmidt responded that they will take a look at landscaping once the Project is completed.

A question was asked about a vacancy for an electrician and for an operator. Mr. Schmidt responded that he has an interview already scheduled with an electrician this week.

A question was asked about the fire companies which responded to the fire last May. There was a general discussion, without any conclusion, about possibly doing something for the responding fire companies.

The Chairman called for other business. On the agenda for the next meeting is the preliminary budget report.

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 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary