

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2018

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 13 and March 27, 2018. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports were presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt discussed a personnel issue. An ad has been placed in the newspaper for a vacancy for the Authority for an operator.

Mr. Schmidt reported that after the dryer was fired up and is operating, the gas bill indicated a change in the rate for natural gas. Mr. Schmidt contacted Constellation Energy which indicated that the contract with Constellation expired in August, unknown to the Authority. Mr. Schmidt confirmed that the Consortium is still in place, the Municipal Utility Alliance is still in place and they provide advertised and low bid rates for both gas and electric. As it turns out, both gas prices and electricity costs are down. There was a discussion regarding the availability of various ranges for price and the length of contract for gas and electric.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to accept the MUA bid for natural gas of 3.4488 cents with Constellation Energy for 3½ years. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

A potential electricity generation contract was also discussed by the Board.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Neusch to accept the MUA bid for electric (generation) of .04505 per kilowatt for four (4) years, beginning December 2018. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported that new mobile phones have been acquired by the Authority, and includes a reduction in monthly charges.

Mr. Schmidt discussed a lateral issue at a residential property stemming from the installation of sewer line by the Authority approximately fifteen (15) years ago. Mr. Schmidt reported the discovery of a new break in the sewer lateral on the property after an earlier break was located and fixed at the expense of the homeowner. Mr. Schmidt report that both breaks in the lateral are within the Authority's easement. A consensus was reached to place the second break on an Authority schedule to repair at the convenience of the Authority staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gustave Haun, Treasurer

Mr. Haun reported the general operating expenses amount to \$291,752.90, the requisition for Capital Improvements will amount to \$46,178.37, the Loan payments amount to \$73,304.25, making the total operating expenses for the month \$411,235.52. Mr. Haun recommended payment of the bills.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to pay the total operating expenses of \$411,235.52. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haun next presented escrows disbursements in the amount of \$138.00.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Neusch to pay the escrow disbursements in the amount of \$138.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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

Mr. Nolan presented Requisition No. 184 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$0 dollars.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 227 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$46,178.37 representing Phase III project costs.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve Requisition No. 227 in the amount of \$46,178.37. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hagey left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Nolan provided a project update for the Phase III project. He reported that a preliminary punchlist has been prepared and a walk-thru has been scheduled for Thursday, April 12 with Messrs. Schmidt, Hauser, Nolan, and the CKS inspector. Afterwards, a final punchlist will be prepared within a week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Mr. Schmidt reported on a request from a Bristol Road resident regarding installation by the Authority of a particular pine tree twenty (20) years ago. The pine tree is bending over within

the Authority's easement of a particular Homeowner's Association property. The Homeowner's Association has made no request with regard to the tree. It was determined that the homeowner making the request is not the actual owner of the property on which the tree is located.

Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board of the PMAA's meeting scheduled for May 17. Mr. Bonner and Mr. Cameron and Mr. Nolan plan to attend.

The Chairman called for items for the April 24 agenda. Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board that he will not be present.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Neusch to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was approved 3 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary