

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The 2018 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 were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Treatment Plant operations for the month of December were less than optimal due to the amount of precipitation on already saturated ground and some minor breakdowns of some key equipment. The dryer also suffered from several alarms due to a malfunction in the process operation. The Plant suffered one exceedance of the daily maximum limit for total suspended solids and one exceedance of the allowable fecal coliforms per 100 ML sample during the month.

Precipitation: 6.9 inches

Average Daily Flow: 6.3 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 13.18 MG

All process performance was within monthly limits.

In the Plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. On December 4, an alarm was received that the No. 4 influent pump tripped out and the utility water pumps also tripped indicating a very brief power outage. The equipment was returned to normal operations. There appeared to be no other explanation for both sets of pumps to be tripping at the same time. The Authority continued to experience a communications problem with the SCADA system and the return activated sludge building. On December 6, a burner failure was received on the dryer. On December 8, the on-call operator responded to 120 Jason Drive for a clogged lateral trap. The

vent was plunged which seemed to take care of the issue. Between December 11 and December 13, the on-call operator responded to 7 dryer burner failure alarms. BSI control people were called to look into the issue. Fulton (the burner manufacturer) representatives were also contacted. The burners appeared to be tripping out and going to burner failure. BSI is also looking into the recommendations of Fulton. LB Industries replaced the sleeve on the pinch valve on December 12; the valve was back in operation on December 13. The sludge holding tank diffusers were repaired and re-installed on December 14. The telescopic valves on Clarifiers 3 and 4 broke within a day of one another and they were repaired. On December 26, the Plant flow pattern was returned to normal. The BCWSA influent sampler was pulled when it appeared to be repeatedly tripping the circuit breaker.

In the collection system, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. Personnel marked One Call sites. 56.5 inspection hours were incurred for the Mode Transportation Project. Personnel installed a new rubber edge on the snowplow and the Superintendent discussed the benefits of doing same. The cycle A deduct meter list was read. The fuel tanks on all Godwin backup pumps and backup generators were filled.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported on the completion, except for one item, of the Employee Manual revision. Mr. Schmidt discussed the resolution of the issue with regard to motor vehicle records. The revised Manual, once completed, will be distributed to the entire Board for review.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about the draft Minutes for January 8. Mr. Hagey requested changes to correct a statement made at the January 8 meeting regarding certain employee compensation and the draft Minutes were edited accordingly.

Back pay for certain Board members was discussed.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about any follow-up discussion regarding the Holiday Banquet. The response was that it was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board, and will send notice to Mr. Nuesch and Mr. Cameron about attendance at a PMAA dinner on Thursday, January 31.

Mr. Schmidt notified the Board that there is PMAA Board training available in March.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the Authority is still waiting for one item under the LB Contract.

For the Pump Station No. 4 proposal, the Authority received back information regarding the requested easement from the County. Correspondence was sent by an open space coordinator rejecting the request for an easement. The Open Space Coordinator suggested an alternate route along public highways. Mr. Nolan will estimate the additional costs involved in the alternate route. Once that estimate is obtained, Mr. Schmidt will approach the Township to discuss the proposed project in more detail.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley stated that he will provide a future report on the sewer use ordinances being prepared for the municipalities to review.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the February 12 meeting. Mr. Bagley indicated that Mr. Freimuth may attend in his place.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was voted on 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary