

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2019

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: Joseph Bonner, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; William Evans, Secretary; Lawrence Nuesch, Assistant Secretary; Gustave Haun, Treasurer; and 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.

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 were presented at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Evans delivered a report on behalf of the Personnel Committee. The Committee met with representatives of the Collective Bargaining Unit. The Committee hopes to have another meeting with representatives of the Collective Bargaining Unit on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (April 25). The Committee hopes to have a contract for consideration by the Board at the next Board meeting in May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that Treatment Plant operations were less than optimal during the month of March due to two (2) aerator couplings failing during the month. Without sufficient dissolved oxygen, proper nitrification was hard to achieve. There were control and pumping problems as well.

Precipitation: 5.25 inches

Average Daily Flow: 6.92 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 13.96 MG

Total suspended solids were high, NH₃ was also high.

The Plant lost a VFD (variable frequency drive) on the #2 DAFT which was determined to be a circuit inside the drive. The #1 aerator coupling at the first and second shaft failed and the bearing on the second shaft was bad. The #3 aerator failed a few days later. The thickened sludge pump for the #2 DAFT blew out the seal, after which parts were ordered but the wrong

parts arrived and were subsequently exchanged for the correct ones. Personnel rebuilt both thickened sludge pumps during the month.

In the collection system, personnel inspected tie-ins to the sewer system, completed some snow removal earlier in the month at the Plant and the pump stations and cleaned up the exterior of all six (6) pump stations.

Mr. Nuesch reported that he received a compliment from a property owner regarding Authority personnel called to his property to inspect the connection between the system and the owner's property.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt presented a sewage capacity approval form for approval for a vacant lot on New Galena Road.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the tie-in of one (1) lot in New Britain Township located on New Galena Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported that Ethan and Samuel Garr, a high school student and a first-year college student, will begin work shortly as seasonal workers for the Summer.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to hire two (2) seasonal workers for the Summer. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The Minutes were previously distributed to the Board. There was one (1) revision, to replace a reference to Mr. Nolan who was absent from the meeting with Mr. Rauch.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that he had a site meeting with the paving Contractor. The Contractor is expected to restart the first week in May. Once that contract is completed, the Plant Phase III Expansion and Upgrade Project will be completed.

With regard to Pump Station No. 4, Mr. Nolan reported that the Authority is waiting to hear a response from the County Solicitor to a letter from the Authority Solicitor.

Mr. Nolan further reported that he has received a CAD drawing from Gryphon for their dryer. Mr. Nolan reported that, with some modifications, the dryer would fit into the Authority's dryer building.

Mr. Nolan advised that he will be providing a written report evaluating the dryer replacement options.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported that his letter was sent out and he has not heard anything back from the County Solicitor. It was discussed that Mr. Bagley would place a call to the County Solicitor next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hagey urged addressing the new dryer as quickly as possible.

It was inquired whether there was any business for the May 14 agenda. None was proposed.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary