

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 and March 26, 2019 as distributed to the Board. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No reports of officers were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Evans delivered a report on behalf of the Personnel Committee. The Committee met prior to today's Board meeting in preparation for a future meeting with the Union representative regarding a new contract. The Committee expects that there will be a meeting between both sides by the end of the month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt mentioned that some staff members travelled to Pottstown to see the operation of a Gryphon dryer which is reported below more fully by the Engineer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Eric Rauch, P.E.

Mr. Rauch reported that in regards to the Pump Station No. 4 Project the Solicitor sent a letter to Bucks County at the direction of the Board.

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Hauser and the Authority's Biosolids Consultant Diane Garvey went to Pottstown to observe the operation of a Gryphon dryer. CKS also reviewed the layout of the existing dryer building at CNB Authority and an email was sent to the manufacturer to obtain more details.

Mr. Rauch also reported that the Maintenance Bond is in place for the Expansion and Upgrade Project Phase III. The Paving Contractor expects to return to the site on April 15 to finish up the paving contract.

Mr. Rauch presented Requisition No. 239 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$381.82 consisting of construction management costs and engineering for the paving project.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve Requisition No. 239 in the amount of \$381.82. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board asked questions regarding the dryer in Pottstown. The Pottstown dryer had been running for several weeks. The dryer was running by itself with no operators around it. A sample of the product was brought back and it is very granular and not as dusty as the current Authority product. The Gryphon dryer has a lower temperature than the existing dryer at the Authority, it includes real time monitoring and an alarm system which is tiered so that warnings occur before a fatal shutdown.

In regards to questions about the product, certification for Class A Biosolid Classification is pending in Pottstown. In regards to the machine, the air temperature runs at approximately 300 “something” degrees whereas the existing dryer utilizes hot oil at a temperature of 460 degrees currently. In terms of operating costs, it is claimed that the fuel efficiency is the best of all the various dryers on the market. There is no hot exhaust because the heat is recycled to the machine. There is a lot less odor than the current dryer. At Pottstown, the exhaust is put through a large biofilter which was an existing situation in Pottstown. These types of machines, Mr. Schmidt commented, are rated by tons of water evaporated per day. The Gryphon model is rated at 2 1/2 times the tons of water evaporated per day in comparison to the existing CNB machine. The model which the Authority Engineer is checking into is smaller and comparable to the existing CNB machine in terms of tons per day.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported that he sent the letter, referred to in the Engineer’s Report, to the Bucks County Solicitor approximately 8 days ago.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Gustave Haun, Treasurer

Mr. Haun reviewed the Total Operating Expenses for the month of \$242,515.74 as well as the previously approved Requisition No. 239 and payments to the Loan Fund of \$73,304.25, making the total expenditures for the month \$316,201.81 and he recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the total expenditures for the month of \$316,201.81. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haun next presented escrow disbursements in the amount of \$878.13 and he recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the escrow disbursements for the month of \$878.13. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bonner called for items for the April 23 Agenda. None were offered.

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 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary