

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2019

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: Joseph Bonner, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; William Evans, 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. Lawrence Nuesch, Assistant Secretary was absent.

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 much improved in one area in April but were deficient in another area. Following the bearing failure in March and finding yet another failure on April 1, the Plant lost 3 of 4 main aerators. As a result of insufficient dissolved oxygen in the process, the ammonia in the effluent climbed above permit limits.

Precipitation: 5.2 inches

Average Daily Flow: 4.69 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 8.36 MG

The ammonia average was 13.2 mg/L whereas the limit is 6.0 mg/L.

Routine maintenance was performed as scheduled in the Plant. The No. 4 aerator main coupling failed and was discovered on April 1. The No. 2 DAFT was out of service while awaiting parts for the thickened sludge pump. The No. 1 aerator shaft was worked on to grind it down to make it round again. There were operational problems with both DAFT's. Personnel removed the shaft on the No. 1 aerator when the bearing failed. Work was begun on the No. 4 aerator where the bearing failed and scored the shaft. On April 30, the bearing manufacturer's engineer came to the Plant to give instructions on the new bearing installation which Plant staff installed on the No. 1 aerator. The engineer had a model which demonstrated how to do the installation.

In the collection system, there were CCTV jobs for the TV truck. Personnel trimmed trees and cleaned up brush near the entrance. Mr. Hagey complemented the work done around the trail

about which he commented that the sight lines look good. Personnel used Root X in laterals with protruding roots. They also repaired 2 laterals that were completely blocked with roots.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Union has ratified the contract.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to extend all newly-revised benefits with the Union to all other employees as well. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported on a letter received from the Auditor, Bee Bergvall, noting an increase of 2% per year for the next 3 years.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to agree to the price, if used, which Bee Bergvall has offered for the next 3 years. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Soccer Association communicated that the proposal for a “kick wall” at the soccer field would be 10’ high and 11’ long and would be located near the existing shed. There was a general discussion about the proposal of a “kick wall” by the Soccer Association. A question was raised about whether it would require a Township building permit.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the installation of a soccer “kick wall” by the Soccer Association, pending resolution of the permit question. The Motion was approved 4-1.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if there were any changes to the May 14 meeting minutes. None were suggested.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the paving work was completed. The paving work was the last part of the Phase III Project. Mr. Nolan expects to receive an invoice with the final numbers. There is a little bit more finishing work involving top soil and seeding.

Mr. Nolan further reported that he just received final numbers for one of the dryers and he is now in a position to complete the dryer evaluation after he meets with Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Hauser.

Mr. Nolan referenced the Pump Station No. 4 proposal. A meeting has been scheduled for June 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the County offices. Mr. Bonner and Mr. Cameron will be in attendance. The representatives attending expect to report to the Board on the 11th.

There was a brief discussion about the Gryphon dryer model and the Fenton dryer model.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley indicated he had nothing to add to Mr. Nolan's report.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for any items for the June 11 agenda. It was mentioned again that the County meeting will take place the day before.

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 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary