

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 25, 2019**

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, in the Authority's meeting room.

**Present:** Joseph Bonner, 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. Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman 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 the Treatment Plant continued to struggle to achieve compliance. The operations staff worked hard to return aerators to service. A lot of welding was done to repair the aerator drive shafts which took time since it rained 15 of 31 days during the month.

Precipitation: 10.85 inches

Average Daily Flow: 6.25 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 11.87 MG

Mr. Hauser reported that two (2) days put the Authority over the monthly limit for the total suspended solids, while ammonia and total phosphorous also exceeded limits.

In the Plant, LB Industries removed the No. 2 DAFT seal. A new part was ordered for the malfunctioning discharge door on the dryer. On May 29, Plant equipment was tripped by a lightning strike. The SCADA system failed. Keystone Engineering confirmed that a switch in the SCADA system had failed and a new one was ordered.

In the collection system, final meter readings were read and personnel worked with Verizon to migrate two (2) pump stations from copper to fiber (P.S. No. 4 and No. 7)

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt**

Mr. Schmidt recommended the award of the fuel oil bid for No. 2 heating oil through the Bucks County Consortium to Riggins Inc. for \$0.0280 above the rack price.

There was a brief discussion regarding the low bid.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to award the bid to Riggins Inc. for No. 2 heating oil at the above-referenced price. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt next presented a sewage capacity approval form from ELU Chalfont LLC for sixty-one (61) residential units. The parcel was previously approved for sewage capacity for a prior owner who later conveyed the tract.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to adopt the motion to approve sewage capacity for sixty-one (61) residential units for ELU Chalfont LLC for the intersection of Bristol Road and Butler Avenue and to nullify all previous approvals of capacity for the six (6) tax parcels at the same locations. The Motion was adopted 4-0 with Mr. Evans abstaining.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if there were any changes to the June 11 Minutes as distributed to the Board. None were presented.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there were any questions regarding the fiscal year-end budget report which he distributed at the last meeting. No questions were presented.

Mr. Schmidt inquired whether any Board members were signing up for the PMAA Conference currently scheduled for September 8-11. Mr. Nuesch and Mr. Schmidt discussed the possibility that Mr. Nuesch may sign up.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding “rolled curbs” out in the parking lot.

Mr. Nolan reported that the paving work was completed and that the Contractor did a very good job. The Contractor corrected a lot of spots where draining issues previously existed.

Mr. Nolan reiterated that there was a productive meeting with the County regarding proposed Pump Station No. 4. Certain arrangements were being made with the County to obtain a survey of the property and to address the concern about liability while a survey crew was onsite.

Mr. Nolan reported on a very productive meeting with the dryer manufacturer Gryphon who sent four (4) representatives to the Authority to submit a revised, final proposal. There was a discussion with the representatives regarding scheduling. Mr. Nolan believes he will have a report for the Board at the second meeting in July. Two (2) dryers in particular have been reviewed. Mr. Schmidt has asked Mr. Nolan to also look at a “do nothing” scenario. Notice of an intent to purchase a new dryer would have to be sent to BCW&SA in accordance with the parties' agreement. Mr. Nolan is estimating that the proposal will be in the \$1.3-1.6 million range. Each proposed dryer is part of a COSTARS bid.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire**

Mr. Bagley followed up the Engineer's Report regarding Pump Station No. 4 by mentioning that there may be a need for CKS Engineers to name the County and the Township as additional insureds on their insurance policy and any potential costs to CKS may need to be reimbursed by the Authority.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was a question regarding the road paving related to a grinder pump installed by a property in Warrington Township. A bump in the road as a result of the installation was discussed.

The Chairman called for items for the July 9 meeting. There was a brief discussion by the Board about abstention and a consensus was reached that the Solicitor would provide some notes/speaking points on voting rules, particularly abstention.

**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 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary