

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020

The semi-monthly meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the Minutes of October 13 and October 27, 2020 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

No Committee reports were presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt recommended the closure of 3 escrow accounts, those of Chalfont Crossing, an office building originally intended for Gutter Guys and one residential lot on New Galena Road. Each of the projects has either been sold to another owner with a new escrow account opened, not pursued or otherwise completed.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the closing of the escrow accounts. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported receipt of the invitation of the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association (EPWPCOA) to contribute funds for a scholarship which would stimulate the eligibility of candidates for operator jobs in the future.

MOTION: Following a discussion, it was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans that the Authority make a contribution to the EPWPCOA Scholarship Fund of \$1,000.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser provided an update on the status of facilities operations. He reported that last Wednesday the second of two (2) aerators was put back into operation. The measurements for ammonia, phosphorous and CBOD were all improved and within limits while the measurement

for fecal coliform was down but not yet within limits. Another aerator shaft was put into place today. As of November 10, the Plant is in compliance with its permit limitations except for fecal coliform. Mr. Hauser expects that by Monday, November 16 three (3) out of the four (4) aerators will be operating. In addition, less air is needed in the Fall when the atmosphere is cooler (unlike the Summer). There was a discussion regarding the plastic discs on the shaft.

Mr. Evans asked for a tour of the affected facilities. There was a discussion that the Facilities Committee has already inspected the facilities and an invitation was extended to Mr. Evans to also observe the facilities in question.

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

Mr. Nolan presented Requisition No. 215 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$10,294.77 pertaining to computer hardware replacements and he recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve Requisition No. 215 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$10,294.77. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 258 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$6,045.50 pertaining to the Biosolids Dryer Replacement Project and the design of the Pump Station No. 4 Relocation Project.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve Requisition No. 258 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$6,045.50. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Pump Station No. 4 Relocation Project. He reported that the design is being prepared for the force main and gravity sewer as well as the pump station. Mr. Nolan will be meeting with Mr. Schmidt next week to review the redesign. The redesign has shifted the pump station closer to the Township Park. The original design would have placed the new pump station within the Township's Riparian Corridor. The Township Zoning Code prohibits utilities within the Riparian Corridor. The redesign has moved the improvements outside the Corridor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gustave Haun

Mr. Haun presented the bill list with the General Operating Expenses amounting to \$326,585.69. He reviewed the previously-approved Capital Expenditures and Capital Improvements as well as payments to the Loan Fund of \$73,304.25 making the total expenditures for the month \$416,230.21 and he recommended approval.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the total expenditures of \$416,230.21. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for any other business to be presented to the Board.

Mr. Evans noted that notwithstanding the recent sale of his business, he is still operating a business in the Borough and also retains ownership of real estate within the Borough.

The Chairman stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 24.

MOTION: Following discussion, it was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to cancel the November 24 meeting. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary