

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2021

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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 Personnel Committee met prior to this afternoon's meeting. The Personnel Committee discussed the status of vaccinations of Authority employees. The recommendation of the Personnel Committee was to not make any changes and to allow the *status quo* to remain. A consensus of the Board was reached to do the same.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser updated the Board on the status of aerator repairs. Eastern Environmental has been recently on site doing some work. He had previously related that he had ordered new discs from Envirex. He is advised that it will take 4-6 weeks for the order to arrive. He has pre-scheduled a date for Eastern Environmental to return and complete the work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt presented a Sewage Capacity Approval form for a single-family dwelling at 12 Newville Road. As with the other properties in that area, it will be connected via a grinder pump.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve the Sewage Capacity Form for 12 Newville Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt advised the Board that he will provide snacks and coffee in the kitchen at the next meeting.

Mr. Schmidt requested approval to change life insurance companies. Prior problematic issues with the current insurance company, American United Life, were discussed. Mr. Schmidt worked with the agent and received a quote for slightly less than the current charges for life insurance for employees. The new company is Reliance Standard.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the change from American United Life to Reliance Standard. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported to the Board that the Soccer Association has made two (2) requests, one for the installation of artificial turf on the lower fields and the other additional parking.

A general discussion ensued regarding overall use of the Authority site, future use of the Authority site, any possible expansion and where it would be located and, in general, the future land use by the Authority of its site.

There was also a general discussion regarding requests of the Soccer Association. Some negative effects of the installation of artificial turf were discussed.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to ask for more information about expanded parking including the provision of a plan to the Authority before further action is taken on that request. At the same time, and as part of the Motion, rejection of the artificial turf request was made by the Board. It was further discussed that if the additional parking goes forward, the Soccer Association must obtain the approval of Doylestown Township. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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

Mr. Nolan reported that the design of Pump Station No. 4 is completed. Mr. Nolan met today with an electrical engineer and he expects that engineer to finalize a plan within one (1) month. A draft resolution and a public notice were given to Mr. Schmidt and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. After the resolution is adopted, it will be forwarded to DEP. The Authority is also going to request a waiver of land development from New Britain Township for the Pump Station.

In response to a question from the Board about when ground would be broken, Mr. Nolan reported that he expects the project to be bid in the late Summer or early Fall.

There was a discussion regarding the type of pumps, and the long lead times for ordering pumps.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley, Esquire

Mr. Bagley reported that he had forwarded the easement to Bucks County for Pump Station No. 4 for approval and execution. He sent a written reminder to the attorney and paralegal for Bucks County on Monday, April 26. He has not heard anything back.

OTHER BUSINESS

A consensus was reached that the Board would once again meet twice per month.

ADJOURNMENT

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 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary