

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2021

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on July 13, 2021, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the Minutes of the meetings of June 8, 2021. 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that process performance was within permit limitations. The repairs to existing equipment breakdowns continue to suffer from long lead times and supply chain issues.

Precipitation: 4.6 inches

Average Daily Flow: 4.14 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 8.3 MG

Process performance was within limits.

Routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. Work continued on the aerator bearing project. Again lead time problems with part existed. The No. 6 Aerator motor drive coupling became loose. Work was performed on the seized bottom collector drive shaft for the No. 2 DAFT. Parts were ordered for the Muffin Monster for Pump Station No. 8. The refrigerator compressor was not working on the BCWSA influent sampler. A replacement is being tracked down. The gear reducer on the live bottom hopper for the dryer failed. Thomas & Muller tracked down parts causing only a one week shut down. Biosolids were hauled to a local farmer.

In the collection system, flow meters were read. Fleet maintenance was performed on all plant vehicles. The Cycle A deduct/consumption meter list was read. New tie-ins to the collection system were inspected. The Vactor truck was cleaned up for the Fourth of July Parade. A pump drawdown test was completed at all 6 pumping stations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - John E. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that a capacity approval form was received from New Britain Township for the proposed three lot subdivision on the extension of Dolly Lane.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve sewage capacity for the three lots of the Dolly Lane subdivision. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

A question was asked about a particular property on the right side of Upper State Road with an open trench. Mr. Schmidt explained that the property owner is excavating for a water connection to North Wales Water Authority. At the same time, there are existing T-connections installed in the sewer line on the Warrington side of Upper State Road and the owner will likely be putting in a line across the road and connecting it at a later time. The dwelling is about 450 feet from the road.

Mr. Schmidt presented the low bid from the Bucks County Consortium for No. 2 heating oil by Petroleum Traders.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to approve the award to Petroleum Traders for No. 2 heating oil at the bid price of \$0.0188 per gallon above rack price.

Mr. Schmidt next presented the closing of Escrow Account Nos. 101 and 103 for the Pine Glen Subdivision.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to close Escrow Account Nos. 101 and 103. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt reported on receipt of a thank you letter from EPWPCOA for the contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Soccer Association has engaged a contractor for the parking extension. An application to the Township would have to be signed by Mr. Schmidt.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Joseph Nolan

Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Pump Station No. 4 Project. The Project was scheduled to go before the Township Board of Supervisors in June at which time Mr. Nolan was going to appear. The Township insisted on a representative of the Authority being present. The meeting was accordingly deferred until July 19 when Mr. Schmidt could be present. The Authority is requesting the grant of Act 537 approval, a letter requesting waiver of land development and approval of the easement executed by Bucks County.

Mr. Nolan also reported that the PennDOT permit for the Project was signed by Bucks County.

Mr. Nolan reported that the Pump Station design is complete. He has provided Mr. Schmidt with preliminary plans. The project also requires DEP approval and a DEP permit.

Mr. Nolan acknowledged Requisition No 223 is in the amount of \$0.00. Mr. Nolan recommended approval of Requisition No. 266 in the amount of \$3,355.02 related to design and legal work for Pump Station No. 4.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve Requisition No. 266. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Joseph M. Bagley

Mr. Bagley had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gustave Haun

Mr. Haun presented the General Operating Expenses for the month of \$283,812.69 and the Capital Improvements of \$3,355.02 previously approved as well as the payments to the loan fund of \$73,304.25 making the total expenditures for the month \$360,471.96.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the total expenditures for the month of \$360,471.96. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haun next presented escrows for disbursement in the amount of \$35,715.73.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the escrow disbursements of \$35,715.73. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the July 27th agenda. None were presented. A discussion ensued about the need for the July 27 meeting. A consensus was reached that the meeting is considered cancelled unless Mr. Schmidt affirmatively contacts the Board to hold the meeting.

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 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary