

# CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**August 10, 2021**

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on August 10, 2021, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

Vice Chairman Cameron opened the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the Minutes of the meetings of July 13, 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**

Mr. Evans presented the report of the Personnel Committee. The Committee met recently and recommended the adoption of a policy previously distributed to the Board entitled "Policy on Additional Paid Time Related to COVID-19" dated August 2021. The Policy presents reasons for the granting of additional paid sick time, procedures for requesting additional paid sick time and exemptions for same. The purpose of the Policy is to make additional paid sick time available to assist vaccinated employees who may be affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and to encourage vaccination against the spread of COVID-19. Both Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Bagley discussed the drafting of the policy.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Evans to adopt the policy on additional paid sick time related to COVID-19. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations were, for the most part, normal during the month of July except for three incidents where the suspended solids exceeded of the discharge permit.

Precipitation: 4.3 inches

Average Daily Flow: 3.72 MGD

Peak Day Flow: 5.45 MG

Mr. Hauser noted that the average for total suspended solids was 35 instead of a maximum of 30.

In the plant, routine maintenance was performed as scheduled. There is an ongoing problem with the 2B Rectangular Clarifier which was fixed. On July 7 the plant experienced a power blink and

the dryer went into alarm, the plant lost utility water which shut down the dryer and the centrifuge. Another power failure occurred two days later. There was an in-house welding repair to the Vactor truck debris tank. On July 9, a thunderstorm caused a power outage which tripped the utility water pumps and the final effluent polymer line blew apart from excess polymer in the mix chamber being activated. That was repaired immediately. In the dryer, there was an incident of wetter solids coming out of the drier followed by smoldering biosolids in the biosolids pile. This was likely due to the loss of the utility water. After adding water, it was discovered that spreading out the biosolids worked better at cooling the pile.

There was an operational problem with the dryer not being able to get above the temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit. The gas valve controller had burned out and was replaced. The overloads in the grit and grease grit pump starter were replaced. The Authority is still waiting on parts for the #4 Aerator, the #6 Aerator motor coupling and the lift pump. The seasonal workers cleaned out the janitorial supply closet, removed old floor tiles and began applying epoxy floor coating to remove a tripping hazard.

In the collections system personnel marked One-calls, read weekly flow meters, performed fleet maintenance on all plant vehicles and read the cycle B deduct/consumption meter list. Personnel also inspected one new tie-in to the collection system, installed new wear rings on the pumps at pump station #8, jetted twelve lines in Tower Hill and completed three-day cues CCTV training on the new Granite software.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – Eric Rauch**

In the Pump Station #4 Project, driveway documents have been filed with PennDOT and as a result there will be a field meeting next week with PennDOT. New Britain Township adopted a resolution approving the Act 537 Special Study for the project. A letter was received today from the Township Engineer regarding land development review. There was a brief discussion about the contents of the Engineer's letter. The Authority will have to await a Part II permit from the DEP while we resolve the issue of planning approval.

Mr. Rauch presented Requisition No. 224 in the amount of \$70,710.49 for computer replacements and a new pump and he recommended approval.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve Requisition No. 224 for capital expenditures in the amount of \$70,710.49. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rauch next presented Requisition No. 267 for capital improvements in the amount of \$3,078.75 for legal and engineering expenses related to Pump Station #4. He recommended approval.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Nuesch and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve Requisition No. 267 for capital improvements. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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

Mr. Bagley presented the Deed of Easement for private roads and the Assignment of Sewer Easement for lines across Chalfont Greene Homeowner's Association for the Chalfont View Project

(the former swim club). Mr. Bagley recommended acceptance of the Deed of Easement and the Assignment.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to accept and adopt the Chalfont View Deed of Easement and the Assignment of Sewer Easement. The motion was unanimously adopted.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Gustave Haun**

Mr. Haun presented the general operating expenses for the month of \$257,337.26 as well as the previously approved capital expenditures of \$70,710.49, the previously approved capital improvements \$3,078.75 as well as the payments to the loan fund of \$73,304.25 making the total expenditures for the month \$404,430.75 and he recommended approval.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the total expenditures of \$404,430.75. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haun next presented escrow disbursements in the amount of \$4,205.79 and he recommended approval.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Haun and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve the escrow disbursements of \$4,205.79. The motion was unanimously adopted.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Vice Chairman called for other business. A consensus of the Board was reached to cancel the next scheduled Board meeting for August 24.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Haun to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary