

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2022

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on March 22, 2022, in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: William Evans, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; Lawrence Nuesch, Secretary, Timothy Hagey, Treasurer; Preston Campbell, Assistant Secretary and William Muzika, Assistant Treasurer. Also present: John Schmidt, Executive Director; Joseph Nolan, Engineer; Joseph Bagley, Solicitor and Thomas Hauser, Superintendent.

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

PRESENTATION

Mike Stoller of Mantis Innovation gave a presentation on a potential reverse auction for a future electrical generation contract. Mr. Stoller discussed the current energy market and various scenarios for a reverse auction. The average increase in energy contracts is currently 49%. The Authority uses an average of 4 Million kilowatt hours per year. Mr. Stoller explained that the Authority could elect to hold an auction in May and decide afterwards whether to enter into a contract at that time. The Chairman thanked Mr. Stoller for his presentation. Mr. Stoller left the meeting.

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-Tom Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations for the month were normal. Flows were high but effluent parameters stayed within limits.

Precipitation: 3.16"

Average daily flow: 5.33 MGD

Peak day flow: 12.12 MG

Personnel worked on the #2 DAFT, parts for which were just recently delivered. Work was done to increase the throughput of the #1 DAFT. On Feb. 4, high clarifier blankets were reported. Adjustments were made to the process flow mode and by mid-morning the blankets were down while the influent flow was 13 MGD. On Feb. 15, a dryer alarm shut-down the dryer. The problem was discovered to be broken stub shaft bolts on the vertical exit conveyor. Mixers/aerators from the front basin were inspected and the #3 mixer bearings were found to be bad—they were pulled for repair. Parts that were ordered for the G & G classifier were delivered last week. Batteries in the

#2 generator were replaced. Work was done to get updated SCADA software working. 165 cubic yards of biosolids were hauled to a local farmer during the month.

In the collection system, routine maintenance and projects were completed. There was brief discussion about an increase in flow at Pump Station #7, which was tracked to Highpoint Racquet Club and addressed. A question was asked by the Board about the status of Highpoint. The response was that Highpoint Racquet Club is virtually shut down, but there are still a few businesses left. A question was asked by the Board about a battery replacement schedule. Mr. Hauser responded that the battery replaced in the #2 generator was not beyond its expiration date, but rather was tested and found to not be working.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt presented the first easement from the Pump Station No. 4 Project for execution by the Chairman and Secretary.

The Board recessed into executive session at 5:46 p.m. to discuss the acquisition of real property. The Board returned to its regular session at 5:47 p.m.

Mr. Schmidt explained to the Board why he needed copies of driver's licenses to provide to People's Security Bank. A new account has been opened at People's Security Bank in Doylestown.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Cameron and seconded by Mr. Muzika to authorize all officers to sign checks for People's Security Bank. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt next reported that the Authority had stopped collecting late fees and enforcing collection efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Schmidt sought Board authorization to return to standard late fees and collection procedures.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Cameron to direct the Authority to return to the collection of standard late fees and collection procedures. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if there were any changes to the draft minutes of March 8. None were suggested.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the upcoming PMAA Region 1 Dinner on April 21.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about driver arrangements for the PMAA Board Training on March 24. The participants will meet at 7 a.m. at the Plant.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Farber Drive lateral work is now complete.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Joseph Nolan

Mr. Nolan reported that he resubmitted plans to the Township following their comments. He also resubmitted the Act 537 Special Study to DEP based upon their comments. We are awaiting an approval from the Township, an approval from DEP and a Part II permit from DEP.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Joseph Bagley

The Board recessed into executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The Board returned to its regular session at 6:10 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman called for items for the next Board Meeting. The Chairman requested that the reverse auction matter be placed on the April 12 Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary