

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 26, 2022**

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on April 26, 2022, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

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**

Don Cameron, Finance Committee Chair, expressed his desire to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee in the near future.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-Thomas Hauser**

Mr. Hauser reported that treatment plant operations for the month of March were normal. No major operational problems were experienced. The second sludge thickener went back on-line and began lowering the mixed liquor concentrations. Flows were high but effluent parameters stayed within limits.

There was a question from the Board about the Highpoint flow issue. Mr. Schmidt responded that it was repaired by Highpoint.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- John Schmidt**

Mr. Schmidt reported that signature cards were being distributed for Univest Bank for all Board members to sign.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the results of the reverse energy auction by Mantis Innovation. A summary of the auction results was distributed to the Board. The low bidder for 18, 36 and 48 months was Shell Energy Solutions. There was an extended discussion about the merits of the range of contract lengths. The issues included the undetermined additional cost of transmission from PECO's default rate. There was also consideration whether or not to accept any bid at this time.

The Board recessed at approximately 5:37 PM. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 5:44 PM.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Nuesch to accept the bid by Shell Energy Solutions for 18 months at .05040 per Kilowatt Hour, and to authorize Mr. Schmidt to sign the contract. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Cameron to authorize Mr. Schmidt to terminate the Constellation Energy contract at the end of December 2022. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt next reported that the 2022-23 Operations Budget needs to be considered and approved for the purpose of submitting invoices to BCWSA for the upcoming fiscal year. The charge for electricity was reduced to \$300,000 keeping in mind that the Authority will operate under the existing electricity contract for the first 6 months of the Budget year. Budget numbers are up from last year.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Cameron and seconded by Mr. Nuesch to approve the 2022-23 Operations Budget as distributed to the Board. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Cameron to approve 1 EDU for 225 Walter Road (VanSchie). The Motion was unanimously adopted.

There was a general discussion of the status of the acquisition of easements.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if there were any changes to the draft minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Schmidt noted that the dates of the meeting should be corrected.

Mr. Schmidt reported that a meeting with BCW&SA is scheduled for next Tuesday.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – Joseph Nolan**

Mr. Nolan reported that he is waiting for DEP to issue planning approval for the Pump Station No. 4 Project.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Joseph Bagley**

Mr. Bagley reported that he will correct the minutes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman called for items for the next Board Meeting. Mr. Hauser's report for April will be given at the next meeting. A Finance Committee meeting may be scheduled.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary