

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2022

A meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on May 24, 2022, in the Authority's meeting room.

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

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

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 wet weather and a bio-solids handling problem contributed to a difficult month for plant operations. A centrifuge problem combined with heavy rains resulted in not being able to waste sludge which caused the mixed liquor suspended solids to climb.

Mr. Hauser reported that the plant experienced flows in the 19 MG range for several hours. There were two SSOs during the month.

Mr. Evans entered the meeting at this point.

A question was asked by the Vice Chairman about when the centrifuge in question went online. Mr. Hauser responded that it went online in the 2003-04 time period.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt reported that there is a sewage capacity approval form for Butler Pike Properties for the Board to consider.

The easement executed on behalf of Twin Maples HOA was submitted for execution by the Authority. Execution was previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the hiring of Sean Casey as an operator effective June 13.

Mr. Schmidt discussed his meeting with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority representatives last week about high flows. The meeting was amicable. The Authority subsequently received a copy of a letter from BCW&SA directed to Plumstead Township stating that no new connections would be allowed as a result of the high flow situation with CNBTJSA. Mr. Butler of BCW&SA stated that upgrading of the pumping system to redirect more flow to the

Harvey Avenue Plant will take place in the future. BCW&SA plans to perform modelling of their system to fix wet weather high flows at the behest of DEP.

Mr. Schmidt reported on a proposed increase in wages for part-time seasonal help. New interns appearing at the Authority this Summer will be paid \$18/hr. pursuant to the intermunicipal agreement, so Mr. Schmidt proposes that “regular” seasonal help be raised to \$18/hr. Mr. Schmidt inquired about any objections. None were presented. New seasonal help will still be paid \$16/hr.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the sewer backup on Langhorne Road in April was covered by insurance. He also reported that during the recent heavy rains the same homeowner reported that the recently-installed check valve worked.

Mr. Schmidt related that he will be attending a Borough Utility Committee meeting tomorrow. Rich Heverly will also be attending. Mr. Nuesch will also attend.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Joseph Nolan

Mr. Nolan has received no response from DEP about Pump Station No. 4 submissions. He is waiting for DEP to approve the plans.

Mr. Nolan presented Requisition No. 233 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$8,081.00.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 276 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$7,983.99.

Mr. Nolan recommends approval of both Requisitions. Mr. Nolan and Mr. Bagley executed the Requisition forms.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- Joseph Bagley

Mr. Bagley stated that he had nothing to add.

OTHER BUSINESS

A Board meeting was proposed for May 26. Agenda items will include the minutes, the bills and Requisitions, the new hire and the seasonal wages. The Vice Chairman also proposed a donation in the name of Mr. Schmidt’s father-in-law.

The meeting ended at approximately 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary