

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on June 14, 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; and Joseph Bagley, Solicitor.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to adopt the minutes of the meetings of May 24 and May 26, 2022 as distributed to the Board. 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 reports of Committees were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-Thomas Hauser

Mr. Hauser reported that on May 6-7 there was an SSO caused by heavy rain over a weekend. There was a flow balance issue. A pump station backed up and the Authority experienced an SSO.

There was a question from the Board about past reports of a problem with the centrifuges. Mr. Hauser stated that the control panel was just delivered, and one centrifuge is now running. Two conveyors had problems with bearings which were traced back to two seals. The bearings and seals have been replaced with upgraded types.

There was a question from the Board about whether any other conveyors might need such an upgrade (in seals). Mr. Hauser responded in the negative as no others have been an issue. The \$2500 entry in the bills under Bearings and Drives Solutions is the cost for those. One seal was quite a bit more than the other.

There was a question from the Board about whether the conveyors were replaced after the new dryer was installed. The response was that one conveyor was new when the dryer was installed and one was as old as the centrifuge.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt presented a sewage capacity approval form for 143 and 175 Curley Mill Road. The two properties are across from the new Mill Ridge Development. One is an existing house and

one is a large lot with a proposed house. The request is for 2 EDUs total. Appropriate reimbursement to Mill Ridge will be included in the Tapping Fees.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to approve the sewage capacity approval form for 143 and 175 Curley Mill Road for a total of 2 EDUs. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt directed the Board's attention to the account balances in UNIVEST and PLGIT because the fiscal year has ended. Mr. Schmidt noted that the balances were relatively stable over the last 5 years, with a slight increase each year. The slight increase could be the result of tapping fees and interest on the accounts. Mr. Schmidt reported an average increase of 30-40 customers every year.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the internships have commenced. The Authority has reached the second week with the second intern.

Mr. Schmidt inquired if a board member wishes to accompany the Vactor Truck in the Fourth of July Parade.

Mr. Schmidt announced the recent deaths of two members of the Authority family, retired Board member Gus Haun and former Executive Director Bob Truman. Mr. Truman was the first Plant Operator for the Authority and had retired in 1995.

A Board Member asked a question about the meeting with Chalfont Borough this month.

The Board recessed at approximately 5:16 PM to discuss potential litigation involving sewer backups. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 5:19 PM.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Joseph Nolan

Mr. Nolan reported that he finally received planning approval from DEP for the Pump Station No. 4 Project. He will now apply for the construction permit. He is looking at dates to put the Project out to bid.

There was general discussion about supply chain issues and, in particular, the issue of purchasing pipe.

There was a consensus of the Board for Mr. Nolan to proceed with advertising for bids.

Mr. Nolan recommended the approval of Requisition No. 234 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$68,921.29 representing the new main influent pump and a gantry crane.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Campbell and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve Requisition No. 234 for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$68,921.29. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Nolan next presented Requisition No. 277 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$45,209.00 representing materials for the Pump Station No. 4 Project.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Nuesch and **SECONDED** by Mr. Hagey to approve Requisition No. 277 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$45,209.00. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Joseph Bagley

The Board moved into Executive Session at approximately 5:28 PM to discuss a lawsuit

recently filed by Mr. and Mrs. Hamme for a sewer backup at 73 Peace Valley Road. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 5:38 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Timothy Hagey

Mr. Hagey reported that the General Operating Expenses for the month amounted to \$343,747.33. The previously reviewed Capital Expenditures and the previously approved Capital Improvements along with payments to the Loan Fund resulted in Total Expenditures for the month of \$530,757.28 and Mr. Hagey moved to approve the bills.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the Total Expenditures for the month of \$530,757.28. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hagey next presented escrow disbursements for the month in the amount of \$1,610.35.

MOTION: It was it was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to approve the escrow disbursements for the month of \$1,610.35. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Evans and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to ratify all official actions taken by the Board at the Board Meeting on May 26.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at approximately 5:41 PM to discuss matters which if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 5:42 PM.

The Motion was unanimously adopted.

There was a Board consensus to cancel the Board Meeting currently scheduled for June 28.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Nolan will not be present for the July 12 Meeting. Mr. Evans asked the Solicitor to look into the issue of Board Member participation by electronic communication.

Mr. Schmidt confirmed that flowers were sent on behalf of the Authority to Mrs. Helen Haun.

Mr. Hagey, the Board, and others took time to reminisce about the late Mr. Haun and his contributions to the Authority and to the Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary