

CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on October 24, 2023 in the Authority's meeting room.

Present: William Evans, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; Lawrence Nuesch, Secretary; Preston Campbell, Assistant Secretary (via Microsoft Teams®); Michael Sullivan, Assistant Treasurer. Also present: John Schmidt, Executive Director; Matt Warfel, Engineer; Joseph Bagley, Solicitor; and Tom Hauser, Plant Superintendent. Timothy Hagey, Treasurer, was absent.

Mr. Evans opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Report of the Personnel Committee will be discussed during the Solicitor's Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- John Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt turned to Mike Stoller to report on the bids for electricity generation. Mr. Stoller explained (via computer) that the current electricity generation contract lasts until next October. He extensively discussed electricity prices and the futures market. Mr. Stoller advised that it was a good time to go to auction and that the auction conducted this afternoon had lots of activity. Mr. Sullivan advised that the Board accept the low 36-month or 48-month bid. There was a discussion about the length of the contract. The consensus was that a 48-month contract was advantageous. The contract would begin at the end of the current contract term. Mr. Stoller advised taking the 48-month contract.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Sullivan and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to authorize Mr. Schmidt to sign all necessary documents to enter into the lowest bid electricity generation procurement contract for 48 months with Constellation. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

In response to a question, Mr. Hauser reported on a conveyor issue with the dryer which had to be shut down. A stub shaft was installed. The Authority already had a gearbox on hand for it.

Mr. Schmidt recommended approval of sewage capacity for 96 Cedar Hill Road.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to approve the sewage capacity form for 96 Cedar Hill Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the Deed of Dedication for Schoolhouse Meadows Subdivision.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to accept the Deed of Dedication for the Schoolhouse Meadows Subdivision. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

There was a question from the Board about when the maintenance period begins on such a subdivision. The maintenance period begins after dedication.

Mr. Schmidt reported the cell tower company is no longer interested in proposing a cell tower here.

A change was suggested to the October 10 Minutes to change “STV/ARRO” to “CKS/ARRO”.

The Chairman reported that the Committees listed in the October 10 Minutes should be revised from those announced to:

Finance Comm.- Mr. Hagey Chairman, instead of Mr. Cameron.

Personnel Comm.-Mr. Cameron Chairman, Mr. Hagey and Mr. Sullivan.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Matthew Warfel

Mr. Warfel reported on the progress of the Pump Station No. 4 Project. Electrical work was performed. The fence and driveways have been staked out. Paving work is expected next week. Electrical service is to be provided. In regard to the plant upgrade, submittals have been received for the new aerator. The Authority will be issuing a submittal response. The bridge supports and aerators have been delivered. In regard to the UV system and controls, some electrical design work needs to be completed. The Application for a construction permit with DEP needs to be submitted by December. Acquisition of some material through COSTARS is being considered.

Mr. Schmidt reported that an email has been sent to Ben Jones of BCW&SA about a meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- Joseph Bagley

Mr. Bagley reported that he met with the Authority staff prior to today’s Board meeting.

The Board recessed into executive session at approximately 5:39 PM to discuss the future employment of an executive director for the Authority. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 6:29 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was recommended that the Finance Committee meet when Mr. Hagey returns from vacation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor
and Recording Secretary