

**CHALFONT-NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP JOINT SEWAGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8, 2023**

The meeting of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority was held on August 8, 2023 in the Authority's meeting room.

**Present:** William Evans, Chairman; Donald Cameron, Vice Chairman; Lawrence Nuesch, Secretary; Timothy Hagey, Treasurer; Preston Campbell, Assistant Secretary; Michael Sullivan, Assistant Treasurer. Also present: Matt Warfel, Engineer; Joseph Bagley, Solicitor; and Rich Heverly, Collection System Supervisor. Mr. Schmidt was absent.

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

**MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes of the meeting of July 11 as distributed to the Board. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

None were presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Chairman moved Committee Reports towards the end of the meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Hauser presented the Report which included a DEP inspection on July 7, two notices of violation and two recissions of same. In response to a question, Mr. Hauser reported that two supplemental aerators and one permanent aerator are currently operating. A second permanent aerator, with OEM-style bearings, has been delivered and is being installed. Mr. Hauser expects it to be running by the weekend. Three sets of bearings have been ordered from the supplier.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Hauser responded that the lead time for additional, supplemental aerators sought for Phase IV is 210 days. He also stated that four to six weeks for submittals is the expected time and then the remainder to deliver. There is nothing custom about these items. The plan for Phase IV is to run supplemental aerators all the time, 24 hours a day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT – Matthew Warfel**

Mr. Warfel reported on the progress of the Pump Station No. 4 Project. There has not been much progress since the last meeting. The Contractor for the pipe work has issued a final pay application. In regard to the Pump Station, the Authority is still waiting for the electrical contractor's equipment to be delivered. The Godwin pump was picked up by the Contractor

today. Pact One has submitted Change Order #1 for a total of \$43,303.77. Two remaining issues may result in a second change order. Pay estimate #7 amounts to \$630,400.45.

In regard to the Act 537 Planning, Mr. Warfel is setting up a meeting with the Borough to go over mapping.

Mr. Warfel is working on procurement of aeration systems through COSTARS for the Phase IV Upgrade Project. A structural engineer is looking at design of the clarifier and some geo-tech work will be needed. Under the Consent Order, a permit must be submitted within 150 days.

In response to a question, Mr. Warfel reports that DEP is satisfied with progress on Act 537 Planning.

Mr. Heverly reported that the Highpoint Project (construction of 137 homes) at the old Highpoint site is scheduled to begin next week.

The subcontractor for PPI began work on the main sewer line. Work on laterals will commence next week or later (after the main work is completed). The laterals have been cored and the Vac-a-tees are installed.

Mr. Heverly has spoken to Ms. Johnson this past week. A meeting has been set up with her and Garret Washington of PPI, who can answer the questions Mr. Heverly is unable to answer for her.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Joseph Bagley**

Mr. Bagley delivered the Report in Mr. Schmidt's absence. Mr. Bagley presented a sewage capacity approval form, previously signed by New Britain Township, for consideration for 145 and 153 Walter Road for 2 EDUs. A question was asked about dedication to the Authority, and Mr. Heverly responded that two or more connections would mean a dedication to the Authority.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Campbell to approve sewage capacity for 145 and 153 Walter Road. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bagley next presented Escrow Account #124 for Chalfont View for closing.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Cameron and **SECONDED** by Mr. Nuesch to close Escrow Account #124 (Chalfont View). The Motion was unanimously adopted.

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

The Board recessed into executive session at approximately 5:26 PM to discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the discovery of information protected by law; to consult with an attorney regarding information or strategy in connection with issues on which an identifiable complaint is or can be expected to be filed by DEP in connection with Correspondence received from DEP dated January 27; and about personnel. The Board returned to its regular session at approximately 6:31 PM.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT- Timothy Hagey**

Mr. Hagey presented Change Oder #1 for Contract 21-2 in the amount of \$43,303.77 and he recommended approval

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cameron to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$43,303.77. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hagey next reported that the Total Disbursements for the month amounted to \$1,121,932.01 and he recommended approval to pay the bills.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by Mr. Hagey and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sullivan to approve the Total Disbursements for the month of \$1,121,932.01. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

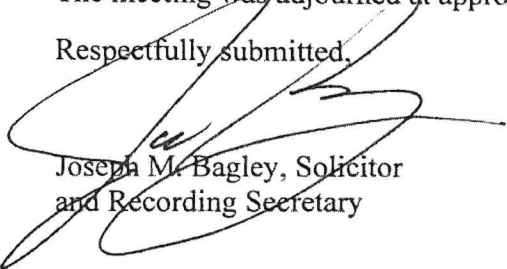
There was a consensus of the Board to proceed with its scheduled meeting on August 22.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph M. Bagley, Solicitor  
and Recording Secretary