

CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of MARCH 6, 2009
Meeting No. 232

The 232nd meeting of the Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority was held on this date in the Chadds Ford Township building.

Present: Chairman Keith Klaver, Vice-Chairman Roland Martin, Treasurer Jim Egan, Secretary Amanda Konyk and Member Marc Altman.

Also attending were J. Michael Sheridan, Esq., Authority solicitor; Evan Andrews, Authority engineer; and Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary Valerie Hoxter.

Chairman Klaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Konyk and a second by Egan.

OPERATIONS UPDATE:

Klaver informed all that there were no solids violations in February; however, there was an ammonia violation. There was discussion of the levels this year vs. last year, the affect of cold weather on the nitrifiers and addition of bacteria to correct the ammonia levels. Martin commented that Delcora will have to modify their process if and when it becomes necessary (i.e. during sub-zero weather) by adding nitrifiers, etc. He recommended that they communicate with the Board on a regular basis regarding their process parameters. Andrews commented that it is not uncommon for nitrifiers to die off, making it necessary to re-seed a plant. Klaver asked that the Board defer further discussion on this topic to a later date.

SIEMENS FILTER STATUS:

Klaver reported that Siemens did not report their test results to the Board last week, although they were expected to do so.

BID PROPOSAL:

Klaver and Andrews had a conference call with Aqua Aerobics (AA) and asked for some changes to their bid proposal, many of which they have made; however, the Board still has not received their insurance policy. Andrews will call and request their entire policy. Klaver reviewed what the Board is looking for regarding coverage and said, if necessary, the Board would pick up additional insurance coverage.

EXCEPTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Exception #1: Klaver reported that after lengthy discussion, AA would not exclude the item regarding polymer addition. Klaver reviewed AA's concerns and informed the Board that a change would be made to state that polymer would be added solely at the discretion of Delcora based on their guidelines as the operator. Delcora has agreed that they will add polymer if requested by AA, as long as it is done in a safe manner and we have the proper equipment. The equipment will be an incremental cost which we will have to incur – possibly up to \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Exception #13 (particle size and wasting requirements by AA): Per Klaver, he and Andrews have discussed the particle size issue at length. The Board discussed Delcora's comments on

particle size and wasting requirements, and Klaver informed all that there will be a meeting with Delcora on this issue. Andrews will have a process expert from Pennoni attend to help come up with a range that is acceptable to Delcora regarding particle size. There will also be discussion of the addition of wasting requirements, which was not in the original bid submitted by AA.

Martin reviewed a timeline to get the plant up and running at its best if there is a change to AA. Based on the timeline, he recommends a decision be made on the bid proposal this month.

Andrews mentioned that we are required to get Part II Permits submitted by 3/15/09. He is currently using the Siemens filter as the basis for the Permits, and will include notice that the Board may make a change, at which time the Permits will be amended. Andrews will call DEP to advise them in advance of this situation.

After discussion of the process if the Board accepts AA's bid, there was discussion of the possibility of future upgrades and a vendor who could perform a review of current equipment, processes, etc. In addition to Jet Tech (which made some recommendations last year, and is a division of Siemens), Altman will check a couple of contacts for other options to perform a review. Klaver asked Martin to coordinate with Altman and Andrews to prepare a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Exception #7 (pollution insurance): Upon request by Altman, it was clarified that AA's insurance would cover any pollution problems caused by their equipment. If a problem is caused by another contractor, it would fall on that contractor's insurance to cover the problem.

Warranty - AA Process Performance Guarantee, Section 1: Altman asked if the figures listed in this section are appropriate figures at which we operate. Andrews said they are not as the plant does not act on a continuous basis. The figures will be corrected.

Sheridan read from the section regarding the Mechanical Warranty and mentioned the disclaimer allows AA to determine whether or not there is a defect. Sheridan reminded all that there was "sole discretion" language in the Siemens agreement that was removed. He will email suggested language to Klaver for discussion with AA.

TREASURER:

Hoxter reviewed two checks for approval: \$100 to Commonwealth of PA for grant application fee, and \$3194.84 to Hoxter for services in February 2009 and reimbursement for purchase of tape recorder for meetings. Upon motion and second (Altman/Konyk) the checks were approved for payment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Klaver briefly reviewed recent meetings and discussions with Concord Township and Chadds Ford Board of Supervisors regarding a future co-township development along Route 202. Most of the development will be in Concord Township. The development will provide approximately 50 EDUs for the Authority to handle.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Altman and a second by Egan.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Hoxter
Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer