

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
October 2, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held October 2, 2014 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316, and was conducted by Chairman Gerald L. Mummert. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7PM.

**Members Present:** Gerald L. Mummert; Charles Krall; Rick Saxon; Ronald Weidner; and Robert Clayton

**Members Absent:** Nathan Boyer

**Also Present:** Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; and John Scrivens

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of September 4, 2014; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.*

**Payment of Bills:** All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for September 2014, the bills totaled \$16,907.44 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for September 2014 with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Engineer's Report:** Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported they have started the Aquifer testing for Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Kohl Brothers installed the VFD at Well 2 and Well 4 to maintain a more stable flow rate. All the piezometers and the weirs have been installed on the properties. The VTS software was installed by Control Systems 21. The pressure transducer was relocated on Edith Miller's farm because there was no water flow; so it was moved downstream to an area of standing water, per SRBC direction. Also, they tried to test Well #2 for the 72 hour test, but Well 2 did not stand up to the 57 gpm test pumping at 37 hours. The water level reached a low of 118 feet, so the test was stopped to allow for the water level to recover. Well 4 will be now be tested while Well 2 recovers.

Bruce commended Nathan Boyer and JT Garrett for their hard work; and their calculating efforts that kept the tanks from overflowing while turning the different wells on and off.

Bruce mentioned the email concerning the VFD for Well 1 and Well 5. He mention in the email that Kohl Brothers can temporarily install a VFD at Well 1, and after the Well 1 test is completed, move this VFD and permanently installed it at Well 5. At Well 5, it would be used to maintain a fixed flow rate during the SRBC testing and would also slow down the pump to only pump 50 gpm; because of the chlorine contact piping is only large enough for 50 gpm. He recommends this be pursued and because Kohl Brothers is performing work as a sub-consultant to Buchart Horn as part of the aquifer testing work, this work which also is connected to the aquifer testing can also be performed as a sub to Buchart Horn. The cost for this work is \$12,875 and would be added to the scope of Pennvest loan as part of a future amendment. The Board through email approved this expenditure; and are formally approving the expenditure at this meeting.

*A motion was made by Robert Clayton to proceed with temporary installation of the VFD at Well 1 then permanently install at Well 5, after the testing, for a fee of \$12,875.00; with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Bruce mentioned that Mid State would like to be paid; the punch list has not been completed-they need to reseed the lawn, the soffit needs fixed and they are waiting on a cabinet. Bruce suggests paying them partial payment for their work. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to release a partial amount of the Pennvest money. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to retain \$10,000.00 of what is owed them; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby reported he has filed the lien against Pennwood Products with a interest rate of 6%. There has been no response from Pennwood Products or Newell Coxon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Eisenhart reported 7 accounts were sent to the District Justice. The secretary mentioned that before the quarterly bills were sent out the delinquent accounts totaled \$14,580.00 for 36 accounts. The Board members

received a copy of the 2015 budget worksheet, and Charles Eisenhart went over the Capital Expense Funds. The Board was asked to look over the paperwork to discuss the budget at the next meeting. The 18 month CD (\$65,152.14) will mature on November 15, 2014; the interest rate is .20% there was discussion on what to do concerning the CD. The Authority is paying 3.25% interest on the line of credit. It was decided that when the CD matures, to take what is needed to pay off the line of credit for the 2015 truck, and check on how to invest the remainder. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to use the CD when it matures to pay off the line of credit for the 2015 truck; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.*** Charles Krall mentioned that Susquehanna Bank has a investment program called CDAR that has a better interest rate. The secretary will check on the interest rates for the next meeting.

New Business: VFD installation was discussed under the Engineer's Report.

There are 3 areas that need paved; 2 on state roads that will need done before Oct 15. Tom Parichuk submitted a quote of \$3250.00; and Asphalt Works will submit a quote on 10/3/14. There was discussion on previous work done for Hamilton Township by Tom Parichuk; with no problems. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton; with a second by Rick Saxon to accept the bid up to \$3250.00. **Motion carried.***

Old Business: Another computer was bought for the water testing for the monitoring data; the computer was bought thru TigerDirect, Inc. It is a refurbished computer with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2013 with a lifetime warranty for an expense of \$445.53. At the last meeting it was approved to spend up to \$600.00.

Charles Krall mentioned the Borough is in the process of starting the work on the traffic light and lane lines on the square; he wanted to remind the Authority of their obligation of partial payment for the work.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nothing

John Scrivens – John reported a pin was replaced on the actuator at the sewer plant.

Correspondence: None

Charles Krall read an email he received from David Richards concerning the deeded properties. He states the Borough properties were never deeded but only leased. There was a brief discussion, and David Richards information is incorrect. The wells are the property of the Authority and the WWTP is on Borough property and is leased from the Borough.

There being no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Ron Weidner.* Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM. Next meeting will be held November 6, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA