

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
November 5, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held November 5, 2015 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; Ron Weidner; and Harold Lau.

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; David Richards; John Scrivens and Nathan Boyer.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of October 1, 2015; with a second by Ron Weidner.*

Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for October 2015, the bills totaled \$33,180.75 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to pay the bills for October 2015 with a second by Charles Krall. The secretary explained the entry in the sewer fund about the bank error, the bank paid out more money than the check was written for, the bank refunded the money.* **Motion carried.**

Public/Guest Comment: David Richards commented on his hand out from the previous month. He mentioned items that needed addressed. He mentioned the water and sewer rates; the sewer capital rate is not able to meet its capital requirements. No input was provided for King Street sewer lines. He also mentioned the engineers information provided by Deepthi Kalyanam last month on the surrounding communities that in part use EDU. He mentioned there should be better accounting of receipts such as business tax, and also mentioned the agreement that was signed by the Borough, Pennvest and the Authority should be met.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn stated the forms that needed updated for Aquifer testing were completed and sent to SRBC, and SRBC responded that they would not be reviewed before March 2016. Deepthi presented Chairman Mummert a copy of the updated forms. She also stated she and Hanna would be working on the annual water reports of 2011-2015 for Department of Environment Protection. The last time they were done was in 2010 by Buchart-Horn and Hanna assumed Buchart-Horn was doing the reports; and they assumed Hanna was doing the reports. Deepthi presented a proposal of \$2500 to update the Capital Improvement Plan for a ten year period. No action was taken on that proposal. The Board requested a proposal for a 20 year plan.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby requested an executive session to discuss a legal matter. The Board went into an executive session at 7:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:15 PM to 7:50 PM

Treasurer's Report: Hanna Furst reported there 81 delinquent accounts for a total of \$27,111.57. The proposed 2016 budget was emailed to all members for discussion at December's meeting.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she received 2 proposals for 2016-2018 audit.

- The current auditor; Smith Elliott Kerns & Co gave a one year quote of \$7,200 and the three year quotes of 2015-\$6,875; 2016-\$7,100; & 2017-\$7,300.
Stambaugh-Ness quoted 2015-\$12,000; 2016-\$12,250; & 2017-\$12,500. RKL will present their quote at December meeting. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to table the selection of a auditor; Harold Lau second the motion.*

Motion carried to table the selection until next month.

Solicitor Battersby made note that the yearly audit report that is sent to the Borough is fulfilling the Pennvest obligation. Charles Krall confirmed the Borough has been receiving the annual report, from the Authority.

- LABS 2016 Proposal was presented with no increase in rates for any of the testing. There were a few tests that were eliminated per DEP requirements. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept LABS 2016 proposal, with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***
- Receive information from Tom Wolfe of Electric Power Savers-Their company goes around and gathers information for Met Ed on energy efficiency. He presented the secretary with quotes to change to LED lights. There were only two places that he recommends that could use the upgrade. The sewer plant and Fish & Game Rd facility. Nothing will be done at this time.

New Business: Harold Lau would like more information on the reverse electric auctions and to possibly discuss at December meeting.

Old Business: Nothing

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan present a quote of approximately \$6,000.00 to fix a fire hydrant on East King Street that is leaking. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to fix the hydrant; with a second by Harold Lau. There was a brief discussion on fixing it before it gets too cold. **Motion carried.***

John Scrivens –Everything good, nothing to report

Correspondence:

- Email from Buchart-Horn celebrating their 70th anniversary; change in mission, vision, logo and website.
- 2016 Proposal from LABS for testing

Holiday gathering will be held December 16, 2015 11:00 AM-1:00 PM @ the office.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM. Next meeting will be held December 3, 2015 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA