

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
November 6, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held November 6, 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

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Deepthi Kalyanam and Jeff Culton of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer; Robbie Teal; Tammy Billet and her mother.

Jeff Culton; Associate Vice President of Buchart-Horn, Inc's Environmental Group introduced himself and informed the Board that Bruce Hulshizer has accepted an offer with another company. He also mentioned that Buchart-Horn values the Authority as their client and since Deepthi has worked closely with Bruce and is familiar with the Authority's projects she will be taking over as project manager for the Authority; and they hope to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Chairman Mummert introduced the Board to Jeff Culton.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of October 2, 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 October 2014, the bills totaled \$17,573.41 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for October 2014 with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: Tammy Billet, 410 Beaver Street, introduced herself and stated she hasn't lived in her house for 3 1/2 years. A family member had lived there and they packed up and left, now she is stuck with a \$1773.03 water and sewer bill expense along with all the other expenses the tenant did not pay. She is asking for leniency on part of the bill. Ms. Billet thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting. The Board discussed the information presented and Attorney Battersby gave his advise that Ms. Billet was still liable for her property whether she lived there or not. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon stating Ms. Billet is responsible for the water and sewer usage bill and all out of pocket expenses on the account; the Authority will excuse the 1% monthly interest penalties; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn reported the Aquifer testing at Well 2 and Well 4 is complete subject to Susquehanna River Basin Commission(SRBC) approval. As soon as the reports are done they will start testing Well 5. There is a final Pennvest payment request for Mid State Utility Contractors AFP. Deepthi mentioned the amendment for SRBC that Bruce spoke about last month, concerning retesting Well 2, because it failed the first time and the installation VFD at Well 1 and Well 5. Deepthi mentioned the increased cost of approximately \$40,000 and proceeded to explain the additional work SRBC is requiring and the additional monitoring points. Charles Krall questioned whether SRBC approved the submitted monitoring project plan, and why now they want additional information; with additional expenses. After a lengthy discussion, on the additional expense, it was suggested a meeting be set up between the Board and our elected representatives. The consensus of the Board was to continue with the work that was on the original agreement and stop anything that was beyond the original agreement.

Nathan Boyer suggested getting a chlorine pump (LMI Pump) because currently they are manually controlling the flow. Nathan will get a quote for the chlorine pump for Well 5. He estimates the pump at \$1200.00.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he received a letter from Pennwood's lawyer requesting the EDU they bought from the Borough in 1990 be transferred to the Authority and used in place of purchasing another sewer

connection. The secretary will check on the water usage at the new warehouse. Solicitor Battersby stated there is now a lien on the property.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported the budget is his main concern; but we have time and suggested tabling this until next meeting. He also reported the CD @ ACNB(\$65,152.14) is coming due 11/15/14. At the October 2014 meeting the Board voted to use a portion of the CD to pay off the Line of Credit and invest the remainder. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to put the balance of the current CD into a new 13 month CD at whichever bank gives the best interest; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Chairman Mummert reported he had a quote for the inspection of the water tower (\$2,350.00) from Utility Service Group and read the particulars on the cleaning of the water tower. It was decided to table this item until a later date.

Secretary's Report: John Horvatinovic from West Manchester Twp/Shiloh Water Company is requesting the use of our Master Meter reader. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Charles Krall and the secretary will calculate the expenses involved to handle this request and decide what the Authority will charge.

New Business: On 10/14/14; the sewer line at Jean Heininger's property at 214 East King Street was clogged and the Authority employees checked it out. It was clogged with tree roots on her part of the line and the Authority's part of the sewer line. The Authority's responsibility is from the curb line to the street and home owners responsibility is from the curb line into the property. Normally, the Authority does not go on to resident's property to do work, but combining the work, made it possible to install a clean out valve and fix the Authority sewer line without cutting the state road to do the work. The sewer lines were terra cotta piping. Nathan Boyer suggested splitting the bill of \$1710.09 with Ms. Heininger. After a brief discussion; *a motion was made Charles Krall to send Ms. Heininger a bill for \$863.00 for the East Berlin Excavating and Kerry Grim Plumbing services; the remainder of the bill is the Authority's responsibility; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Old Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Sewer line repair at 214 East King Street.

John Scrivens – Nothing-Absent

Correspondence: None

Chairman Mummert mentioned a Holiday Gathering will be held at the Authority office December 17, 2014 from 11:00AM-1:00PM with light refreshments.

There being no further business, *Robert Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall. Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM. Next meeting will be held December 4, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.*

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA