

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
December 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held December 3, 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 7 PM.

Members Present: Gerald L. Mummert; Charles Krall; Ron Weidner; and Harold Lau.

Members Absent: Rick Saxon and Charles Eisenhart

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Jim Dougherty of McNeese, Wallace & Nurick, LLC., David Richards; John Scrivens and Nathan Boyer.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of November 5, 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 November 2015, the bills totaled \$17,384.41 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to pay the bills for November 2015 with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Payment of December 2015 bills with the Chairman's or Treasurer's authorization: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to pay the December 2015 bills; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Public/Guest Comment: No public comment.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn stated she received an email from SRBC this evening, they are requesting a cover letter to the forms they received last month. She presented Chairman Mummert a copy of the letter she is sending to SRBC. They also would like a copy of the operating permits for wells 1,2,4, and 5. Deepthi checked her records and Hanna checked the Authority's records; the Authority has a copy of Well 5, but not the other three wells because they would have been drilled around 1935. It was mentioned that DEP may not have been around back in 1935. Deepthi will be checking with DEP to see if they have copies of the well permits. Jim Dougherty mentioned that SRBC is revisiting all grandfathered permits; and use caution with SRBC. Any reissuance of permits SRBC characterizes as a transfer; which come with significant application fees, and possible reduction in well permitted pumpage. The secretary forwarded the violation letter from DEP concerning the Chapter 110 reporting to Deepthi. This was an over cite on the Authority and Buchart-Horn, Buchart-Horn did the report for 2010, and Hanna assumed they did 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014; and Buchart-Horn associate that did 2010 report left Buchart-Horn and nobody realized the following years were not done. Deepthi presented a quote of \$5,200.00 to complete the annual water report and file the required reports for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and also report 2015 report in March. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the proposal; with a second by Harold Lau. Motion carried.*

Deepthi Kalyanam also presented a proposal for the Capital Improvement Plan update for 20 years; major changes would be additional projects, in terms of the treatment plant upgrade because the design life of the equipment is 20 years. The Act 537 Plan would need to be updated also, and there would be more regulatory ground water requirements. The price for the Capital Improvement Plan update would be \$6,400.00. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to table this proposal so the Board has time to review the proposal; with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried to table.*

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby requested an executive session to discuss a legal negotiations. The Board went into an executive session at 7:16 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:16 PM to 8:07 PM

Treasurer's Report: Hanna Furst reported there 53 delinquent accounts for a total of \$12,832.03. Hanna Furst informed the Board on the status of the two Pennvest loans: Owed on the Sewer Loan is \$3,402,896.45; and owed on the Water

Loan is \$1,373,174.04. The interest rate for the Sewer Loan is 1-5 years is 2.522%, and 6-maturity is 3.172%; the Water Loan is 1-5 years 1.833%; 6-maturity is 2.317%.

It was decided to table the budget until January's meeting. Solicitor Battersby asked about Mr. Inskip and was told he did pay the connection fees.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she received another proposal for auditing services from Rotz & Stonesifer for three years: 2015 Audit-\$6,300; 2016 Audit-\$6,450; and 2017 Audit-\$6,575 and Reinsel Kuntz Leshner (RKL) Auditing firm did not send in a quote. Ms. Furst also reported that Earl Brown has two accounts that were combined for a total of \$4,575.37 that was sent to the district justice. There was also a check for \$1,326.69 received for a past due account (105 Sixth St.) that was for an abandoned property; which we released the lien, we have not received notice of the new owners name yet. We also received another check for a \$369.80 on a past due account (106 Park Rd.) that was in foreclosure.

New Business: The Authority has sent a letter to the Borough that they recommend Harold Lau to be re-appointed to the Authority Board for a five year term. Charles Krall confirmed receipt of the recommendation and Borough will act on that at their reorganization meeting in January; and also mentioned that Dave Richards also submitted an application to be appointed to the Authority Board.

Old Business: The Board received the information concerning Rotz & Stonesifer's proposal for auditing services. There was a brief discussion. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to retain Smith Elliott Kerns & Co. for the three year audit period of 2015 (\$6,875), 2016 (\$7,100), & 2017 (\$7,300); with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Concerning Electric Power Savers, the company gave quotes last month for changing the lighting to LED lights; the consensus was to let everything just the way it is for now.

Harold Lau mentioned at last month's meeting that he was interested in finding out more information on the reverse electric auction. The secretary gave him more information, and also check the internet on the information, but there wasn't too much favorable information on this. Mr. Lau tabled this until he has researched it further.

Chairman Mummert informed the Board that we received from the Borough a bill for the correction and relining of the street on West King Street at the Square which was for \$2,795.00.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –A quote was presented for Nathan on Control System 21 for CS21 "Scout" SMS text message alarm system for \$4,169.33 for the Branch Circle sewer lift station and Park Street sewer lift station. This system would send out a text message to the operators when the high level float has been tripped at each site. There was some discussion if this could be integrated with the alarm system at the sewer plant, and use the existing technology. It was decided not to purchase this program at this time. Mr. Krall would like to see what Control System 21 can do with the existing system.

John Scrivens –Nothing to report

Correspondence:

- Invitation from Abbottstown Borough office for the ribbon cutting and open house of the new borough office.

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

There being no further business, *Charles Krall made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting will be held January 7, 2016 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman EBAJA

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA