

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
December 4, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held December 4, 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; Ronald Weidner; and Robert Clayton

**Members Absent:** Rick Saxon

**Also Present:** Solicitor Matt Battersby (*late*); Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Deepthi Kalyanam and Teresa Blauch of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer and John Scrivens.

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of November 6, 2014; with a second by Charles Krall. Chairman Mummert mentioned that there was correction on the last page stating the next meeting should read December 4, 2014 and not January 8, 2015. Motion carried to accept the minutes as corrected.*

**Payment of Bills:** All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for November 2014, the bills totaled \$24,098.24 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for November 2014 with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

**Payment of December's Bills:** *Robert Clayton moved to pay the bills for December 2014, with the approval of the Chairman of the Board or the Treasurer; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Engineer's Report:** Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn reported the Aquifer testing at Well 2 and Well 4, and Well 1 is complete subject to Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) approval. They will resume the testing on Well 5 next week, December 8th. It was postponed because of the holidays and wet weather. Kohl Bros. have installed the VFD at Well 5. Deepthi sent an amendment (#2) to the agreement, for only the work of October and November that has been completed. The additional services which were not in the original scope included: additional monitoring points added by SRBC; relocating the Miller monitoring point downstream; retesting of Well #2; analyze data to provide daily updates to SRBC; and install temporary VFD at Well #1 and relocate VFD permanently to Well #5; for a cost of \$23,000.00. She also presented another amendment (#3) which also was not in the original scope included: conduct testing of Well 1 and Well 5 separately; data analysis to provide daily updates to SRBC; and report final results to SRBC in the amount of \$23,000.00. The discussion ensued when Chairman Mummert questioned the agreement with SRBC, stating he could not find an agreement with SRBC but did find one with Buchart-Horn; Teresa Blauch presented a letter from SRBC dated July 24; which was originally submitted in 2012 by Buchart-Horn to SRBC. Chairman Mummert also questioned where it states the Authority is required to do this work. Teresa mentioned it is in their Docket. When Well #6 was added for future development; SRBC stated then the Authority needs to test the other wells, to make sure the Authority is not over pumping them. (At that time only Well #5 had a SRBC docket.) Well #5's docket was due to expire in a year or two; so it was to decided to do a pump study on that well, too; since Well #5 was restricted in the amount of water it could pump through a study that cannot be found. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept both amendments for the aquifer testing at \$23,000 each; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Solicitor Battersby entered the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Chairman Mummert stated he spoke with Representative Will Tallman about setting up a meeting next month with Senator Alloway, Ron Miller, and representatives from other authority's to discuss the problems we have with SRBC. Charles Krall questioned Teresa Blauch if she remembers what the Authority paid to compose the report that was sent to SRBC. Teresa stated it was a complicated report; but she does not have that figure with her. Charles Krall wanted to know

what a geologist charged to prepare the report compared to what SRBC charged to review the report. Deepthi will do a change order to Pennvest loan to cover the two amendments for \$46,000.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby there was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported 59 delinquent accounts for \$17,700.08 and 20 accounts are at the District Justice. Charles Eisenhart presented and updated version of the budget. There was a brief discussion on the electrical rates, and suggested checking the different supplier's rates. Charles Krall suggested the Treasurer and Secretary work on the budget to present to the Board; that being the consensus of the Board.

Chairman Mummert noted that Charles Krall is handling the Personnel committee and asked Ron Weidner if he was willing to help Charles Krall. He stated he was.

Secretary's Report: Hanna reported checking Tammy Billet's account and we deducted \$301.93 miscellaneous charges from the \$1,700.00 she owed, but added the \$35.00 to clear the lien at the courthouse which her balance then was \$1506.00, so I rounded that to \$1,500.00. She paid this off.

John Horvatinovic from West Manchester Twp/Shiloh Water Company called back and asked if we had come up with a figure for supplying the meter reader. He was told \$500 per use; and he stated he would have to take it to his board.

New Business: Chairman Mummert mentioned Charles Krall's term on the Authority Board expires December 31, 2014. Chairman Mummert presented four applications to the Board: Michael Thoman, water/sewer operator for 32 years; Gregory Green, past Borough Council member, past East Berlin Area Joint Authority member; Rick Brady, resident/concerned citizen; and Charles Krall, current Borough Council member and current EBAJA board member requesting to be re-appointed. *Ron Weidner made a motion to send the applications to the East Berlin Borough Council with a recommendation to re-appoint Charles Krall; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

Chairman Mummert suggested selling the sludge truck; it is rarely used. It is a 1980's truck, we pay insurance on it. After a brief discussion; *Robert Clayton made the motion to sell the sludge truck with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Old Business: Jean Heininger was sent a bill for \$863.00 for the sewer repair and has not heard from her yet.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nothing.

John Scrivens – Nothing.

Correspondence: Sandy Abnett, 360 Beaver Street, East Berlin; sent a letter concerning the trees at the pump house adjacent to her property. There was a brief discussion; it was suggested taking pictures of the trees on the property. Received LABS contract for 2015 for laboratory testing for the water and sewer. *A motion was made by Charles Krall, with a second by Robert Clayton to accept LABS 2015 contract. Motion carried.*

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 Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Ron Weidner.* Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting will be held January 8, 2015 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

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Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA