

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
March 3, 2016

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held March 3, 2016 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; Harold Lau; Ron Weidner; and Rick Saxon.

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; David Richards; Robbie Teal; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Rod Walter; and Tim Horstmann and Alessandra Hylander of McNess, Wallace & Nurick.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of February 4, 2016 as written; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for February 2016 the bills totaled \$33,141.74 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon to approve the paying of the bills for February with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment:

Rod Walters of Direct Energy presented information on the electricity rates. The Authority's current electricity rate is 6.963 kw/hr for 18 months. Our contract expires in November and the rates are low now, and the Authority could lock in the current price for November. Mr. Walters stated the 500-749 kw/hr per year usage would be for 12 months-6.313 cents per kw/hour; 18 month-6.427 cents per kw/hr; 24 month-6.329 cents per kw/hr; and 28 month-6.420 cents per kw/hr. That price was for the date of March 3, 2016 and probably won't change for a couple of days. Rod Walters was giving an update on the pricing; and if the Board would like to lock the price in before November they can do so. No action was taken. Rod Walter left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Chairman Mummert announced that from here on out if anybody wants to speak before the Board; they are to inform the office of your intentions and subject; this also includes Board members that want to bring up a subject to be discussed.

David Richards of 202 Beaver Street, distributed a handout to the Board members, and explained his findings.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn stated she has completed the Annual Chapter 94 Wastewater Report and needs the chairman's signature to submit the report to DEP.; and she has also finished the 2015 Annual Chapter 110 Water Report, both will be submitted before the March 31, 2016 deadline. Deepthi also checked whether the sewer plant is in the flood plain. There was some discussion on this at the last meeting. According to the current flood plain maps the sewer plant is not in the flood plain; Mr. Lau stated he is going to check with Pennvest if the Authority can discontinue buying flood insurance while there is a loan with Pennvest on the sewer plant.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby requested a short Executive Session with Tim Horstmann and Aly Hylander of Mc Ness, Wallace and Nurick for some legal advice. Meeting closed for executive meeting.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: 7:16 pm to 7:40 PM

Meeting reopened at 7:40 PM; *A motion was made by Charles Krall to release the Request For Proposal (RFP) for publication; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried with 3 ayes, 1 no and 1 abstention.***

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported 14 delinquent accounts for a total of \$5,452.10; with three going to the District Justice on Monday. The Board members received a copy of the delinquent counts: of the 14 accounts 3 are liens; 3 going to the District Justice and 8 are on payment plan.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported D.J. Messinger will have a lien placed on his home for his delinquent water/sewer bill; and the paperwork was given to the Solicitor. The secretary also was able to get a formal agreement from the Fletcher Farm Enterprises, LLC (Robert Fletcher) to secure the area around Well #1 and Well #6 so that the chemicals they use on the farms will not contaminate the wells. The agreement was notarized and given to the Solicitor to put on file at the courthouse. Mr. Russell Bolden of 215 Kuhn Drive was sent a bill of \$639.59 for the damages/repairs that were incurred due to his negligent. Mr. Bolden made payment arrangements for this bill.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Chairman Mummert mentioned that next month a decision will be made concerning Buchart-Horn's 20 year plan proposal.

Charles Krall inquired if the Authority employees have identification badges for when they have to interact with residents. He was told they do, and they also have their neon green shirts that identify them as employees of the Authority.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan reported everything is good.

John Scrivens –John reported everything is good. He will be contacting Jamie Emig as soon as the weather gets warmer, hopefully next month, to work on the piping at the storm water drain on Route 234.

Correspondence:

- Email from SRBC-draft copy of the docket for Well #1, #2, #4, and #5. to be held March 10, 2016 in Aberdeen Maryland.
- Ken Young provided a handout of a fax transmission to Ken Werley from March 1, 2012; with his comments.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Next meeting will be held April 7, 2016 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA