

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
April 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held April 2, 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; Ronald Weidner; Rick Saxon; Robert Clayton and Charles Krall

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer, John Scrivens, Roberta Teal and Rod Walter.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of February 5, 2015; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.** (March 2, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm)*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for February 2015, the bills totaled \$32,517.90 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for February 2015 with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for March 2015, the bills totaled \$41,060.39 from the operational funds. The secretary explained a reimbursement to her credit card for the AVG virus protection. The Authority credit card cannot be used overseas, so she used her personal credit card. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for March 2015 with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Guest: Rod Walter, Commercial Energy Consultant presented information on electric energy suppliers. He now works for Navigate Power, a marketing firm from Chicago which has about 25 electric suppliers to choose from and can get a lot of different quotes for his customers. There are about four main suppliers he uses. He presented three quotes: Guttman Energy, a fairly new company with good rates that are all inclusive. The other companies he presented were Energy Me company and Direct Energy. He suggested Direct Energy because they have been around awhile and they are the nation's largest company and their contract is all inclusive. Rod reported Met-Ed's average price per kilowatt hour since deregulation started, has been 8.2 to 8.3 cents a day, with gross receipts tax added. He stated this is a good time to sign right now because natural gas is down and natural gas dictates the pricing. The Direct Energy price that he suggests is 18 months with a 6.95 cents per kilowatt hour. The price to compare would be 7.3857 cents per kilowatt hour. Rod Walter stated he should have the new pricing by Monday April 6, 2015, because of the Easter holiday. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept this quote with a contingency to a cap of 1/2 mill increase with Direct Energy for 18 months, a second was made by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn reported the Chapter 94 Report has been submitted to Department of Environmental Protection and presented two copies for the Authority's file. She also presented a Draft copy of the aquifer testing report from Teresa Blauch, and will be submitting the final report to Susquehanna River Basin Commission in a couple of days. Based on the results of the testing there is nothing to be concerned about. Teresa also checked the piezometers at Young's pond and there was nothing that affected his pond. Solicitor Battersby requested that statement should be writing. Deepthi stated it was in the report. It was reported Mr. Young has submitted a Right-To-Know request for the "Ground Truth-on Young's Pond testing impact on Well #5 of East Berlin by B-H Engineering". The secretary was instructed to respond to Mr. Young's Right-To-Know request that- The Authority has not received the final report yet. When we do receive the final report she is to charge Mr. Young 25 cents a page for a copy of the final SRBC aquifer testing report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported on the meeting Charles Krall, and he attended on March 26, 2015 with Senator Alloway, Representative Dan Moul, a representative for Representative Will Tallman and SRBC executive members to express the Authority's frustrations with SRBC. Solicitor Battersby wrote a follow up letter thanking

Senator Alloway for his suggestions and also sent him background information on the SRBC; the Board all received a copy of the letter. Charles Krall requested permission from Solicitor Battersby to forward a copy of his letter to Teresa Blauch of Buchart-Horn, Inc.

Chairman Mummert asked Solicitor Battersby about the right-of-way for Well #6 on the Fletcher Farm; questioning who is responsible for the up keep of the right-of-way. Solicitor Battersby stated the Authority has a responsible for the up keep. Mr. Fletcher also uses the road to get to his barn, and parks his equipment at the barn. Solicitor Battersby reminded the Board; the Authority got the right-of-way for free.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported at the end of this collection period there were 28 delinquent accounts for the a total of \$11,202.07, before April's billing; which this is the lowest it has ever been. Mr. Eisenhart also reported the auditor's have started the 2014 audit.

New Business: Charles Krall mentioned Borough employee Bob Meminger has completed a course in road flagging. There was a brief discussion on whether the Authority has any flags for the stands and if need be the Borough and Authority could work together on street repair/flagging. Charles Krall also mentioned the new traffic signal detection system is installed. He explained that if the Borough loses electric there is a back-up generator for the traffic signal, his concern is: there needs to be a person with a key responsible for getting the generator and set it up. Mr. Krall was just suggesting this and has not brought it before the Borough Council yet.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she has started training the relief secretary, her hours will be Monday thru Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM; for 16 hours a week. The temporary office hours will be posted on the door and recorded on the answering machine. Charles Eisenhart will be recording the May meeting and the secretary will transcribe them when she returns.

Old Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – The lift station at the treatment plant has been cleaned by Kline's.

John Scrivens – Nothing.

Chairman Mummert reported the Susquehanna River Basin Commission was in on March 26, 2015 to inspect Well #6. Solicitor Battersby instructed the secretary not to pay any bills if they come in for the SRBC, until further notice. Teresa Blauch sent before and after pictures of the Young's pond, that Chairman Mummert presented to the Board. Chairman Mummert also reported that Mr. Young stated Buchart-Horn has ruined his pond by inserting the weirs, and wants Chairman Mummert to come and check this out, the Board advised Chairman Mummert not to go to Mr. Young's pond.

Correspondence: A Right To Know request from Ken Young concerning the weir installation by his pond and Buchart-Horn's associated fees for this project.

There being no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Ronald Weidner. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting will be held May 7, 2015 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA