

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
April 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held April 3, 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 and Ronald Weidner.

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens and Nathan Boyer

Members Absent: Rodrick Saxon and Robert Clayton

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of March 6, 2014; with a second by Ronald Weidner.*

Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for March 2014, which totaled \$34,816.29 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Ronald Weidner to pay the bills for March 2014 with a second by Charles Krall.*

Motion carried. The secretary informed the Board the lease for the office was renewed with an increase of \$15 month; but it included the snow removal for the sidewalks. The monthly rent would have been \$590.00 a month or \$7,080.00 per year. The total yearly rent is \$6,726.00 which included the 5% discount for paying the year in advance.

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported Well #6 is progressing, piping is done but waiting on the electric. He also reported; Teresa Blauch and Chairman Mummert met with Brooks Abeln of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) and Ken Young concerning the aquifer testing on his property.

Bruce stated the amount of money in the original agreement with the Authority for the aquifer testing has been expended, and suggested to add \$7,000.00 to the approved fee, based on what he predicts the testing would cost. This is part of the Pennvest project (Amendment #1), and will be submitted as a change order. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to amend the Pennvest contract for the SRBC aquifer testing for an additional \$7,000.00; with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported they met with Adams County Nation Bank (ACNB), and Anne Parker (veterinarian) concerning the possible connection to the sewer system. Bruce Hulshizer presented doable solutions such as grinder pumps to connect to the sewer and water systems at the Borough line and Hamilton Township on Route 194. Prior to this meeting ACNB and Anne Parker have declined to connect to the Authority systems. Solicitor Battersby questioned if Hamilton Township sewer enforcement officer (SEO) has made any determination whether Ms. Parker's property has a functioning or failed system. Ron Weidner stated not to his knowledge. Solicitor Battersby requested Mr. Weidner to contact Hamilton Township SEO to check the system. Bruce informed the Board that he did contact Ms. Parker's contractor, JP Hauser, to inform him of the benefits of connecting now rather than later.

Ron Weidner informed the Board that Dollar General is moving forward if approved at Hamilton Twp supervisors meeting; with an on-lot sewer system and their own well.

Charles Krall asked about Pennwood's response concerning the agreement. Solicitor Battersby responded he has not had any response. Chairman Mummert informed the Board that the Authority will give Pennwood Products credit on their account for the cost of the meter that was ordered and paid for by Pennwood Products. That will ensure that the meter is the property of the Authority. A letter will be sent to Pennwood Products informing them that they have a credit of \$4,816.50 for the meter and accessories. (The cost was verified by Exeter Supply Company, where it was purchased.)

Charles Krall reported the Borough received the letter from the Authority requesting the Borough not release the Improvement Bond for Pennwood Products until a signed agreement is met. Charles Krall stated the Borough will be extending the bond for another year.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported there are 14 delinquent accounts for a total of \$18,095.22. He also reported the Authority has procured a postage permit and will be moving forward with the new bill forms and should start with the July billing. Mr. Eisenhart stated the payment plan policy will need to be revised. Solicitor Battersby stated the agreement should state that if they breached the agreement, the Authority will not extend any further agreements and the account will be taken to the District Justice right away.

New Business: Charles Krall informed the Board the new monitoring system will need an internet line; and the secretary contacted Verizon and Comcast to get pricing. There was a discussion on the pricing; but Ron Weidner suggested contacting Hamilton Township to find out how they bundled their phone system.

The new 2015 truck has been ordered and the trade in value of the 1999 Ford F150-VIN 49926 is \$1100.00 and the trade in value of 1996 Ford F150-VIN 09967 is \$400.00. The consensus of the Board was to trade both vehicles toward the purchase of the new truck.

Old Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan mention they had a problem with ground water entering the vault under the water tower and the controls for operating the water system is located in the vault. Nathan requested electrical work be done to the vault to add receptacles for a sump pump, and purchase a sump pump. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to do the electrical work and purchase a sump pump not to exceed \$500 with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Nathan passed the water certification test on 3/5/14 to complete his water license. John Scrivens will be kept under contract until further notice, as the second licensee.

John Scrivens – Presented a quote for televising the sewer lines (\$1500.00 for a thousand feet) from Utility Service Group, Inc. (USG). The Board discussed and decided to get another quote with a more accurate measurement of the lines. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to authorize John Scrivens to contact USG with the correct footage, flagging and mobilization fees and proceed with the work, but not to exceed \$5,000; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.*** The residents will be notified when the televising is to be done.

Correspondence:

Email from Cindy Sanderson of WRAC concerning SRBC holding a public meeting 3/25/14.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Next meeting will be held May 1, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA