

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
May 1, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held May 1, 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; Rick Saxon; Robert Clayton and Ronald Weidner

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

Members Absent: John Scrivens and Nathan Boyer

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of April 3, 2014; with a second by Robert Clayton.*

Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for April 2014, the bills totaled \$15,256.23 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay the bills for April 2014 with a second by Ronald Weidner. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported Teresa Blauch is putting together the response for SRBC, which is due 5/2/2014. Chairman Mummert inquired if SRBC has gotten back to Ken Young, about the testing on his property. He was told that SRBC was to contact Ken Young. He also reported the aquifer testing is tentatively scheduled for late summer early fall. Also, Met-Ed electrical service at Well 6 was delayed because of a right of way issue.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he has heard nothing from Pennwood Products concerning the agreement. Chairman Mummert reported he has heard nothing also; he thinks we should force the issue by turning the water off. Charles Krall reported the East Berlin Borough Council released \$60,000.00 of the \$120,000.00 Bond in April. Pennwood received their occupancy permit in September 2013, without acquiring the necessary water and sewer connections or signing an agreement as a requirement of the subdivision land development plan. There was a lengthy discussion on the avenues to proceed with. Along with the water connection fee (\$2,500) and the sewer connection fee (\$5,128) it was decided the lawyer fees would be added to the amount that the Borough would be releasing from the bond to the Authority. The agreement would be handled at a later time.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported the Authority just ended the 1st quarter billing period and there are 103 delinquent accounts for a total of \$39,943.39. Mr. Eisenhart gave the solicitor a copy of the revised payment plan for his approval. The secretary informed the Board of her intentions of sending a final shut off notice to the Target's. The letter will be sent by certified mail; which the time limit to pick up the mail is 2 weeks; if it is not pick up then a notice will be posted on their door; stating the Authority's intention of shutting their water off; unless they pay their past due bill in full.

New Business: Charles Krall informed the Board; the Borough received a request from Columbia Gas to do a survey for pipe line at the Well #2 area; which he signed. After discussing this with Chairman Mummert and the secretary, he was informed that the property was deeded to the Authority on Dec 21st 2007 (Book 5066 Pg 201); and recorded at the courthouse. Apparently, Adams County property records show the Borough as the owner of the property. Charles Krall will inform the Borough secretary; the Authority owns that property; so she can inform Columbia Gas Co.

Chairman Mummert brought before the Board the possible change to the office hours. The secretary suggested to have a more uniform schedule; the office would be open Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to Noon. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the request to change the office hours as stated above; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

Old Business: Chairman Mummert stated the new truck will arrive in two months and requested the Board's opinion on the payment of the new truck; should they set up a loan or use the Authority's funds. He presented loan information from ACNB and Susquehanna Bank. The interest rates ranged from 4.17% to 5.29% up to 5 years for \$28,000 to \$29,000. After a brief discussion it was decided to check the banks to see if the Authority can get a line of credit.

Chairman Mummert reported the Authority received a revised quote from B & R Electrical Contractors of \$1021.00 to provide and install additional receptacle in valve vault located at Tank #1. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the revised quote with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Chairman Mummert reported Nathan Boyer received his official water license , and will be getting an increase as per the pay rate schedule.

Chairman Mummert presented a revised quote from USG for televising the lines on West King Street. The quote was for \$4,350.00 plus and extra \$1,150.00 to haul the sludge away for a total \$5,500.00. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton , with a second by Ron Weidner to accept the revised quote. **Motion carried.***

The secretary distributed information on the Authority, asking for the Board's input before the end of next week. This information will be published in the new book-"Wheels of Time II-The wheels keep turning"; which is being designed for the 250th Anniversary of the town.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Absent

John Scrivens –Absent

Correspondence: None

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 8:03 PM. Next meeting will be held June 5, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA