

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
May 5, 2016

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held May 5, 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; John Scrivens; Roberta Teal; Nathan Boyer; and James Dougherty of McNess, Wallace & Nurick.

Chairman Mummert informed the Board of the passing of Charles Eisenhart, Past Treasurer of the Board; everyone received information on his funeral services. A moment of silence was held in Charles Eisenhart's remembrance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of April 7, 2016 as written; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.**

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for April 2016, the bills totaled \$47,901.81 from the operational funds. Chairman Mummert explained that the bills are higher because the rent was paid for the whole year and the auditor's bill was also included in April's bills. A motion was made by Rick Saxon to approve the paying of the bills for April with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.**

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn handed out a draft copy of the 20 year capital improvement plan for water and sewer projects. It was suggested to add the water tower inspection and painting to the tower, and Route 194 extension of the water and sewer service lines to the plan.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he released a lien for 530 South Avenue. He has been in contact with Senator Alloway's office representative Scot Pitzer and Representative Moul concerning SRBC fees. Representative Moul's office contacted SRBC's lawyer Jason Oyler, who didn't know what the fees were for. Representative Moul also called the Municipal Authorities Association concerning SRBC fees and the projected fee increase; which they knew nothing about. Solicitor Battersby reiterated that we are not to pay the invoice from SRBC, until we get more information on what the fee are for. Chairman Mummert stated he received a call from Brent Bower of SRBC questioning what the Authority is upset about concerning SRBC. He would like to have a meeting with the Board. Jim Dougherty suggested putting your questions in writing and until those questions are answered satisfactory there will be no payment. Solicitor Battersby will be handling this.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported the bank accounts are being transferred to ACNB, and closing out the BBT accounts. We are working on getting a \$100,000.00 line of credit from ACNB. Also with the rate increase, there was approximately \$19,000.00 additional money to add to the Water Capital Expense account.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported Russell Bolden paid off his account for the water line repairs. We also had a service charge fee of \$29.75 from ACNB because we deposited too much money into a Money Market account. ACNB has recoded that account and will be refunding the \$29.75 service fee.

Unfinished Business: Charles Krall stated we should check on pricing to get the water tower inspected and repaired if necessary.

New Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan reported all the fire hydrants have been flushed. There are two that need repaired or replaced. One is in front of Jim & Nena's on Abbottstown Street, and the other is on Walnut Street near Pennwood Products.

John Scrivens –John reported Jamie Emig's line has been relocated, there was an additional bill for the sidewalk repair when the back hoe hit it.

Correspondence: Solicitor Battersby sent information concerning SRBC's fees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into Executive session to discuss legal advice at 7:25 PM. Executive session closed at 7:55 PM.

There was a brief discussion on the fees for Jim Dougherty would be 10% of the total leasing agreement fees; which would include the monthly payments we are currently making. The current debt is \$4,677,000.00 for the two Pennvest Loans. The discussion changed to the Route 194 extension of water and sewer lines and how the businesses affected should be paying for the installation, because they would be like a developer, and would not have to pay prevailing wages and it would be cheaper for them.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Next meeting will be held June 2, 2016 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA