

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
June 6, 2013

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on June 6, 2013 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: Chairman Gerald L. Mummert; John O'Brien; Charles Krall; David Richards; and Robert Clayton

Also Present: Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; Roberta Teal; Michael Brodbeck; and Charles Miller III and Gerald Funke representing Pennwood Products.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of May 2, 2013, as amended to add to the last sentence which states: Chairman Mummert noted that emails sent to Board members will not be considered correspondence at the meeting-add: unless it is discussed at the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for May, which totaled \$16,037.85, from the operating funds. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to approve payment of the bills for May; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: Michael Brodbeck of 802 Brough Hill Road, beside the reservoir; brought to the Board's attention there is water laying in his yard from a drain box, and he cannot mow that area and is concerned about mosquito's. Chairman Mummert and Mike Thoman checked the area out last week and Mr. Brodbeck was told there is a natural spring there and it was not the Authority's problem. Mr. Brodbeck would like to work together for a solution to the problem. John Scrivens took pictures of the problem area and passed them around. Board members and the engineer will check this out on Tuesday June 11, 2013.

Charles Miller questioned if the Board had come to any decision on the water lines for Pennwood Product. Pennwood Products will be starting to put the footers in for the new building. There was some discussion on the hydrant on their property. The following is summary of the discussion: (1)The preferred routing of the water main is in Zinn Alley; but Pennwood's proposed routing from Third Street is acceptable; (2) A 8" diameter ductile iron main will be run for fire suppression and a separate 2" main will run for domestic water. A meter (8" meter charge \$4,817) and valve will be installed on each main at Pennwood's expense. A backflow preventer box will be constructed and owned by Pennwood. Pennwood's engineer will prepare detailed drawings of the box and piping and submit them to the Authority for review; (3) A report will be submitted to the Authority each year to document the proper functioning of the backflow preventer; (4) The existing hydrant at the south end of Third Street will be kept in service; (5) A request for sewer and water reservations with associated fees (\$5128 sewer; \$2500 water) must be submitted by Pennwood. An additional reservation will be needed for any future buildings such as the office described at Phase 2; (6)The sufficiency of the water flow and pressure for a fire suppression system including associated hydrant testing and calculations and pressure losses through the backflow preventer and meter are Pennwood's responsibility; (7)It is noted that water remaining in the mains on Pennwood property for an extended time may be of concern, but that the water quality in the water mains on Pennwood property is Pennwood's responsibility. Any associated flushing will be conducted by Pennwood; (8) Pennwood is responsible for the sufficiency of their existing sewage pump station for the increased flow from the proposed warehouse; (9) The easement shown on the drawings should list East Berlin Area Joint Authority (not East Berlin Borough), and should encompass the backflow preventer box; (10) An agreement needs to be prepared

between the Authority and Pennwood. It was also brought up about charging for a hydrant on the property, and it was discussed that York Water Company charges Abbottstown Borough \$699 a month for numerous hydrants. Bruce stated the three liabilities that need to be addressed are: 1. Whether existing sewer pump station can hold additional capacity; 2. The pressure and flow for fire suppression systems testing and calculations including the back flow preventer, and 3. the 8" line with 100 feet of water sitting in it (1200 gallons) with low water quality needing to be flushed.

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported May 22, 2013 was the settlement date for the new Pennvest loan, and June 11, 2013 is the pre-construction meeting for the water system improvement project. Also, Buchart Horn received the response letter from Susquehanna River Basin Commission, but has not had a chance to read it.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported Pennvest loan has closed. There are 4 accounts at the district justice.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported on the delinquent accounts and the start of the shut off process for 4 accounts. Pennvest notified the Authority they changed the account number on the sewer loan.

New Business: Jason Horowitz representing a business that is buying the property on Route 194 in Hamilton Township contacted Chairman Mummert concerning the water and sewer lines in the Authority's jurisdiction. John O'Brien stated Hamilton Township has a mandatory connection ordinance if the property owner's lines are within 500' of the sewer lines.

PA Rural Water Association did a water study for the Authority. Chairman Mummert read a portion of the report to the Board, concerning using EDU's ~~and is in agreement with the Authority to maintain the flat rate structure.~~ (Amended minutes per July 11, 2013 meeting.)

Fire hydrants were flushed and it was advertised in the newspaper.

Old Business: David Richards suggests the Board receive a report quarterly of the penalties and fees that are collected for the delinquent accounts. David Richards also brought up Resolution 2013-5, Number 3, and section B-5; there should be a fee amount listed. This was stated this way so the Resolution wouldn't have to be changed each time the fee is changed. Currently the fee is \$10. Under Section #4 Meter reading- he suggests adding: Currently, Radio read meters do not incur a charge for reading the meters.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer- Nothing due to his absence

John Scrivens- A transducer went out at the sewer plant, bought a replacement transducer and a spare transducer and 6 bellows for a total of \$1200.00.

Correspondence: None

Charles Krall informed the Board that he and Mayor Hoffman attended an award ceremony last Friday at Zeigler's Mill. Zeigler's Mill received the award as the Top Small Business Exporter in the United States.

There being no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be July 11, 2013 at 7 PM.

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman EBAJA