

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
June 1, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held June 1, 2017 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 and Ron Weidner.

**Members Absent:** Rick Saxon and Harold Lau

**Also Present:** Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Robbie Teal.

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of May 4, 2017 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 May 2017 for a total of \$15,193.62 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for May with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

**Public/Guest Comment:** Andrew Dehoff of SRBC informed the Board of SRBC's public meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017 in the Dillsburg area. SRBC is working on their Comprehensive Plan update; which requires public input. He indicated the Authority would receive an email of the details for the meeting.

**Engineer's Report:** Deepthi reported she contacted DEP concerning Reading Twp status on possible connection to our wastewater facility; waiting for an update. She also met with HRG on 5/3/17 for potential water and wastewater connection from Weis Markets.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby mentioned he checked the regulations concerning ladders on or at the water towers and OSHA laws and handed out information to the Authority Board members. Solicitor Battersby also presented a copy of Fairfield Municipal Authority's newsletter, in case the Board would like to do a newsletter also.

Solicitor Battersby also requested an executive session after this meeting; concerning negotiation with Reading Twp.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hanna Furst reported in Harold Lau's absence there are 57 delinquent accounts for a total of \$20,893.99 for the second qtr of 2017. The Utility Connection checking account was closed and the money was transferred to a CD. Also all the Board members received thru email a copy of Mr. Lau's information of the smoke testing quotes.

- Mr. Rehab \$2700 **without** traffic control and \$3600 **with** traffic control.
- USG, Inc \$4110 **without** traffic control and \$6010 **with** traffic control.
- Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC \$7840 **without** traffic control and \$12040 **with** traffic control.

No action was taken.

**Secretary's Report:** Hanna Furst presented a draft copy of the 2016 Audit Report to all the Board members. Charles Krall mentioned a note in the audit report that adjustments should be brought to a Board members attention and signed off on in the future. Other than that the Audit was a very good one.

The storm water infiltration letters were mailed out along with the annual CCR report to all the residents.

**Unfinished Business:** Received a second quote for the black top repairs from Gingrich in the amount of \$8,250 and Parichuck Paving's quote was \$5,250. *Ron Weidner made a motion to accept Parichuk Paving quote, with a second by Charles Krall.*

**Motion carried.**

Chairman Mummert presented a proposal from Paul Grim Stone Masonry, Inc. for \$4,300.00 for the building at Well 1. (Grind out old joints and re-point, water seal brick walls, because of the pumps inside there is a lot of labor intensive work

and time consuming). In the budget the Board allowed for \$3,000. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the amount of \$4,300; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

New Business: Hanna Furst mentioned Progressive Energy Consultants sent information on the electric bills-

- Champion Energy was \$0.05350/36 months and \$0.05512 /24 months;
- AEP Energy was \$0.05484/36 month and \$0.05626/24 month;
- Entrust Energy was \$0.05540/36 months and \$0.05700/24 months.

No action was taken. Hanna will talk to Rod Walters concerning our current utility contract and new rates.

Charles Krall mentioned the East Berlin Borough is checking on security cameras at the Borough Hall, he estimates the cameras will be about \$500 and suggested the Authority purchase one for the wastewater facility. There was a brief discussion on the cameras. *On a motion by Charles Krall with a second by Ron Weidner, the Authority will purchase one camera. **Motion carried.***

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Reported the hydrant flushing is complete. There are 2 that need replaced, which is in the budget to do.

John Scrivens –Reported on the 5 accounts that are not connected to the sewer. It was decided that it was not cost effective to connect the 5 properties. One is actually too far away for mandatory connection. At this time, nothing will be done.

Correspondence:

- Letter from SRBC,
- Mumford Bjorkin ROV Evaluation.
- A letter from PMAA about their 75 year anniversary and the upcoming conference.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:34 PM-8:20 PM**

Discussion on negotiations regarding Reading Twp.

The Board resumed the regular meeting, to discuss the state legislature taking testimony on 6/26/17 in Shrewsbury, concerning the SRBC. It was decided to have Teresa Blauch testify for the Authority on 6/26/17 on a *motion by Ron Weidner and second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.* It was also decided by consensus of the Board that Charles Krall will be the spokesperson for the Authority at the 6/26/17 meeting in Shrewsbury.

It was brought to the attention of the Board, that Hamilton Twp. should have an Ordinance for mandatory connections for the Route 194 Corridor. Ron Weidner will check on this. If there isn't one, it was requested that they adopt one.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM, on a motion by Charles Krall, with a second by Ron Weidner. ***Motion carried.***

Next meeting will be held **July 6, 2017** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA