

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
June 5, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held June 5, 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; and Ronald Weidner

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

**Members Absent:** Robert Clayton and John Scrivens

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of May 1, 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 May 2014, the bills totaled \$16,089.45 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Ronald Weidner to pay the bills for May 2014 with a second by Charles Krall.*

***Motion carried.***

**Public Comment:** Roberta Teal requested permission for the use of the Authority's Conference room for a meeting with DCNR if the weather is bad, on June 17, 2014 at 1:30 PM. Permission was granted.

**Engineer's Report:** Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported he has not heard anything from SRBC, since Buchart-Horn sent the response letter about the aquifer testing. Chairman Mummert reported Ken Young called and mentioned he has not heard from SRBC either. Mr. Young also mention that he will not pay for a gate that SRBC will need for his property. The well pump was started at Well #6; at the Buttercup Farm and sampling will be done 6/6/2014.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby reported that after checking the subdivision and land development plans that Pennwood submitted to the East Berlin Borough; there was no reference on the plan that Pennwood was to connect to the sewer and water system. It was understood between the Borough and Pennwood; and in the minutes of the Borough; they would connect to the water and sewer; but not officially in the plan. It would have been very risky to withhold the money from the bond for the connection fees. On 6/4/2014, the Borough Council released the remainder of Pennwood's bond. Solicitor Battersby suggested sending Mr. Coxen a letter requesting the full payment for the connection fees, within 30 days, or the Authority will proceed with legal remedies. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to have Solicitor Battersby notify Mr. Coxen in writing requesting the full payment for the connection fees, within 30 days, or the Authority will proceed with legal remedies; with a second by Ronald Weidner.* ***Motion carried.***

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Eisenhart reported there are 50 delinquent accounts for a total of \$24,118.86. Last meeting it was requested that we check out a line of credit from the banks to pay for the new truck. Mr. Eisenhart discussed the findings for the \$100,000 line of credit. PNC would not give the Authority a line of credit unless we moved the main accounts to that bank. Since their closest branch is in New Oxford; this was not feasible. ACNB approved the line of credit; but required continual balance of \$100,000.00 and the application fee was \$150.00; interest rate is 3.25% prime lending rate; we do not keep that much in that bank. Susquehanna Bank approved the line of credit and has our main accounts, but the application fee is \$500.00; interest rate is 3.25% prime lending rate; it was suggested to negotiate with Susquehanna to get the application fee lowered. After a brief discussion; the treasurer recommended the Authority use Susquehanna Bank for the line of credit. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon, with a second by Charles Krall to proceed with Susquehanna Bank for the line of credit.* ***Motion carried.***

**New Business:** Chairman Mummert asked Solicitor Battersby about the maintenance responsibility of a right-of-way. Solicitor Battersby explained it depends on the right-of-right agreement, but typically it is maintained in the way it was originally. It all depends if you have a written agreement and the nature of the right-of-way. This was brought up because

of the water tower on Brough Road; the entrance way is shared with Mike Brodbeck. Mr. Brodbeck brought to the Authority's attention that the pipe at the entrance needs repaired or replaced. Chairman Mummert would like to know whose responsibility it is to repair this pipe. It was suggested that Solicitor Battersby check at the courthouse for the deed or right-of-way information. Chairman Mummert reported that Nathan got a quote from Joe Grim in the amount of \$1,300.00 to fix the problem, with the Authority supplying the pipe. There was a brief discussion on the kind of pipe to use. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to repair the culvert/road area; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Old Business: The secretary spoke with Control System 21 representatives about the internet line for the water system; they suggested the Authority stay with Verizon, and just get the internet through them. The Authority does not need anything special. They also recommended getting a computer with Windows7; a refurbished computer would be fine. The secretary called PCXperts; inquiring about changing the computer from Windows XP to Windows7, they would change it for \$250.00 (price of the software and installation) and would check if the computer would be able to handle it.

Ron Weidner questioned if the sewer lines were televised yet. They have not been televised yet.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nathan reported all the fire hydrants have been flushed and painted. The hydrant near Jim & Nena's Pizzeria will need fixed. He also reported the samples were taken for the nitrates; and the results were 6.0, which is below the 9.0 exceedance level.

John Scrivens – Absent

The secretary informed the Board that John T. Garrett has completed his 90 day probationary period. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept John T. Garrett as a permanent full time employee with the benefits; with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.***

Correspondence: Received a letter from DEP that our Chapter 94 report has been accepted.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall.* Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. Next meeting will be held July 3, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

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Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA