

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
July 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held July 3, 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; and Ronald Weidner

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

Members Absent: Robert Clayton and Rick Saxon

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of June 5, 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 June 2014, the bills totaled \$23,156.60 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Ronald Weidner to pay the bills for June 2014 with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported SRBC is reviewing the aquifer testing plan. The contract for the Water Improvement is substantially complete and Buchart-Horn has developed a punch list. There is a compensating change order #3 for Mid-State Utility Contractors for \$11,081.00 increase. The seeding still needs to be done at Well #6; possibly in September. *A motion was made to accept the compensating change order #3 from Mid-State by Charles Krall; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Bruce also mentioned that when they did the walk thru, a discussion on when the water tank was last inspected came up. He proceeded to inform the Board that it has been a long time since it has been inspected. Bruce mentioned Bonneauville Water & Sewer operations has 2 tanks and they use Utility Service Company. This company maintains the tanks; they inspect, washout, and paint the tanks. Bruce stated this is something to think about for the future. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to table the decision to do maintenance work on the water tower at this time; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Bruce, John and the Board viewed the video of the televised sewer lines for a partial section of West King Street that was televised on June 13, 2014. Utility Service Group (USG) flushed and televised West King Street and produced a video of the televising. They finished up the rest of West King Street on July 2, 2014. Bruce went over different parts of the sewer lines and some of the worst areas. Bruce mentioned the possible problems such as clogs, roots in the joints, leaks, infiltrations, and settling of the pipes with sags. To fix these problems he mentioned grouting or lining the pipes, except for the sagging lines. There was a brief discussion on the roof drains and downspouts flowing into the sewer plant, and there should be inspections done to eliminate the ones that are still connected to the sewer line. It was suggested to analyze and prioritize what would or could be done.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported that Pennwood Products submitted a check for the water connection fee of \$2,500. Solicitor Battersby read the letter he received with the connection fee check. In part, it states the client still disputes the sewer connection fee. Solicitor Battersby read his faxed response to Pennwood's attorney, Mr. Pepinsky, that was sent June 24, 2014; and has not received a response from him. Solicitor Battersby stated he will wait another week or so for a response from Mr. Pepinsky. There was a brief discussion on shutting the water off on this property or placing a lien on the property. Solicitor Battersby stated he would contact Mr. Pepinsky concerning putting a lien on the Pennwood property.

Solicitor Battersby also produced documents stating the Authority owns the property going up to the water tower on Brough Road. It is our responsibility to fix the problem.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported on the 3 delinquent accounts at the District Justice office for collection. The total delinquent accounts (61) amount is \$17,898.85. The annual audit report was handed out and the Board was asked to check it out, and if they have any questions; to bring them to the next meeting. Solicitor Battersby mentioned the East Berlin Borough received their copy as required as co-guarantors of the Pennvest Loan.

Mr. Eisenhart stated the Authority has acquired a new payment with the Line of Credit from Susquehanna Bank which is being used for the 2015 Ford Truck (\$26,777.00). Susquehanna Bank did reduce the application fee to \$150.00 to match ACNB. Charles Krall mentioned that there is a certificate of deposit that would take care of this payment. Chairman Mummert asked for a motion to pay for the truck. *Ron Weidner made the motion to use the line of credit to pay for the truck if there were no other funds available. There was no second. **Motion was withdrawn by Ron Weidner.*** There was a brief discussion on the interest rates on the CD or the line of credit. Charles Krall asked for the Treasurer's opinion. Mr. Eisenhart recommends using the line of credit. The CD will mature on November 15, 2014, and the current interest rate is .20%. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to pay for the truck in the amount of \$26,777.00 from the line of credit; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.** Charles Krall made the motion that the secretary could pay the line of credit payment before the meeting as to not incur any late fees or penalties; and no money will be drawn out of the line of credit without the Board's approval; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

New Business: Charles Krall questioned whether the email concerning SRBC's rate would affect our review. Bruce stated SRBC's rates went up 10% and would probably impact our fees.

Old Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nathan reported they are going to replace the drain pipe on July 15th.

John Scrivens – Nothing, showed video earlier of the sewer lines that were televised.

Correspondence: Email from SRBC about the new rates

There being no further business, *Charles Krall made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Ron Weidner.* Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. Next meeting will be held August 7, 2014 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA