

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
July 6, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held July 6, 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; Ron Weidner; Harold Lau; Charles Krall; and Rick Saxon.

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Robbie Teal and David Richards.

Chairman Mummert congratulated Solicitor Battersby on his testimony at the SRBC hearing in Shrewsbury on 6/26/17.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of June 1, 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 June 2017 for a total of \$42,369.90 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for June with a second by Harold Lau.*

Motion carried.

Public/Guest Comment: David Richards presented a hand out to the Board members.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported she collected the information for Solicitor Battersby for the SRBC meeting.

Deepthi also mentioned the email of June 6, 2017 from DEP-Bethany Sweger that Ms. Furst forwarded to her.

Bethany stated: "As a follow-up to the Department and the municipalities continued efforts to resolve the identified sewage needs issue in the Township, the Department reiterates our position that connection of the Conewago Park and Laughman's Bottom areas of Reading Township into the East Berlin Area Joint Authority collection system is the recommended alternative to meet the sewage needs here. We understand that negotiations may have reached an impasse. Therefore, the Department would like to offer our mediation services at no charge to either party in an effort to reach an agreement. "

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby suggested contacting DEP again to discuss Reading Twp. Chairman Mummert explained he contacted Bethany Sweger of DEP for another meeting with EBAJA and Reading Twp.; but Bethany was not receptive to that idea. Chairman Mummert also mentioned to Bethany the pollution going into the Conewago Creek; which in turn effects the ecosystem all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. Solicitor Battersby mentioned DEP can require municipalities to connect to neighboring wastewater facilities. Chairman Mummert read a drafted letter to send to Bethany Sweger of DEP as a follow up to his conversation with her on June 27, 2017, requesting a timetable for Reading Twp's sewer improvement project. Solicitor Battersby requested Deepthi to obtain a copy of Reading Twp's Act 537 Plan. Deepthi stated she will be meeting with another DEP representative July 7, 2017 and will broach the subject. Solicitor Battersby approved sending Chairman Mummert's letter.

Chairman Mummert read a drafted letter to be sent to Phil Keener, Chairman of Park & Rec. Commission. Mr. Keener was requesting a letter confirming the Authority has no issue with the park trail crossing the Authority's right of way. This letter is needed by the Commission to complete their Grant application. The Board approved the letter for the Park Commission by consensus. Chairman Mummert questioned Nathan Boyer on the direction of the water line in the park. Nathan reported the water line runs parallel to the pavilion and goes towards the creek. The Park & Rec Board will be constructing the restroom facilities in the near future.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 14 delinquent accounts for a total of \$7,063.74 for the second qtr of 2017. He also reported, he and Chairman Mummert closed out the BBT Certificate of deposit and transferred it to ACNB Certificate of deposit with an interest rate of 1.14% compared to BBT's rate of .08%.

Mr. Lau handed out a paper with some calculations concerning Reading Township, and asked the Board to look over it, and if there were any questions they could contact him.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported the second quarter water and sewer bills were mailed out June 30, 2017, which are due by July 28, 2017. She also reported Rod Walters was contacted concerning the electric supply rates ; and the Borough has ordered the security cameras and the price will be \$300 instead of \$500.

Unfinished Business: Harold Lau explained the 3 quotes he received for the smoke testing of the sanitary sewer lines for East & West King Street.

- **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.

*After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Harold Lau to use USG, for the price of \$6,010.00 for approximately one mile; with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.*** A letter will be sent to the East and West King Street residents informing them of the smoke testing of the sewer lines. This will give us a better idea of the infiltration that the wastewater treatment plant is getting.

New Business: The Authority received a request from Phil Keener, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission for a letter confirming the Authority has no issue with the park trail crossing the Authority's right-of-way. This item was discussed earlier under Solicitor's Report.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Control Systems 21 gave us a quote for replacement of the electrical box at the well house #2, for \$11,863.11. Charles Krall suggested getting other quotes; and he and Nathan will be checking the building for what would be needed. Nathan also reported there was a leak at the corner of Locust Street and Abbottstown Street on 6/10-6/11/17 where the water system lost approximately 200,000 gallons on a 6" line. Charles Krall suggested the alarm be set at 70 feet to give time so the water isn't depleted so quickly.

John Scrivens –Nothing to report

Chairman Mummert asked Ron Weidner is Hamilton Township has a mandatory hook up ordinance. There was a brief discussion on whether Hamilton Twp needed one for the Route #194 corridor. Solicitor Battersby stated they do need one because it is their jurisdiction and it should mirror East Berlin's Ordinance.

Correspondence:

- Email from Phil Keener, Chairman Park & Rec Commission requesting a letter confirming the Authority has no issue with the park trail crossing the Authority's right of way.
- Email from Control Systems 21 concerning a fire hazard at Well house #2.
- Email - SRBC Notification of Regulatory Program Fee Schedule-Effective 7/1/2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner, with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.**
Next meeting will be held **August 3, 2017** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA