

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
September 7, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held September 7, 2017 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316, and was conducted by Vice Chairman Ron Weidner. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

Members Present: Ron Weidner; Harold Lau; and Charles Krall

Members Absent: Rick Saxon; Gerald L. Mummert

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

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of August 3, 2017 as written; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for August 2017 for a total of \$35,021.46 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to approve the paying of the bills for August with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported 32 delinquent accounts for a total \$14,460.29 as of 09/7/17; with final notices sent 9/7/2017. Mr. Lau also requested that Nathan Boyer get his wish list for next year's projects ready before the end of the month; for the preliminary budget work.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst presented the 2018 Pension MMO and the total is \$302.00. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the 2018 Pension MMO of \$302.00 with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.*** Hanna questioned paying the SRBC bill of \$588.00. Previously she was told not to pay the bill. Mr. Weidner suggested paying the bill. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to pay the outstanding bill; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business: The electric supplier information was supplied last month, the Board decided to table this. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to table; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

New Business: An email was sent from Jonathan L. Curtis, Assist. Counsel, OGC Mediation Director, Governor's Office of General Counsel requesting a mediation meeting for Reading Twp and EBAJA. There was some confusion as to who requested this mediation. It was suggested this was arranged by Bethany Sweger of DEP. There was a brief discussion on what precipitated this mediation meeting request. The consensus of the Board members was they would participate in a good faith meeting as long as it is non-binding; and at no charge to the Authority.

Charles Krall presented information for a waste dumpster for clean up at the pump house on Fish & Game Road. York Waste pricing was 20 yd-\$550.00 and 30 yd-\$554.00. Advance Disposal 30yd-\$100 delivery; \$260 plus a \$65 ton disposal. It was suggested checking Neiderer's Sanitation for a 10-15 yard waste container; they may be cheaper.

Charles Krall also questioned if the Authority has any back- up generators in case of an emergency situations. Nathan Boyer stated that Well 5 & Well 6 would be able to support the residents of the town. Nathan stated the Branch Circle facility needs a generator. Ron Weidner suggested checking the Federal Surplus company for generators. There was a brief discussion on this situation. John Scrivens stated he has a generator at Abbottstown-Paradise Sewer Authority that could be used, if necessary. This will be addressed as soon as possible. Ron Weidner will check on pricing at the Federal Surplus warehouse.

Hanna asked if we could or should have an agreement with Hamilton Twp. for cold patch or hot tar asphalt. Ron Weidner suggested calling if we need any.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Presented 3 quotes for the electrical work at the pump house at Well House #2-Control System 21-\$9860.93; Dan Crawford-\$7500; and Paradise Electric-\$4757.65. *A motion was made by Harold Lau, with a second by Charles Krall to accept the lowest responsible bidder-Paradise Electrical Control Service, LLC. at \$4,757.65. **Motion carried.***

Nathan reported they started the smoke testing on East King Street on Tuesday, and found a few homes that were tied into the sewer system. USG will be providing pictures as verification of the problems. It rained on Wednesday, so there wasn't any testing done, they should be continuing on Friday.

Also, Nathan called Ehrlich Pest Control to check on the termite situation at the pump house. Ehrlich reported there weren't any live termites. Ehrlich recommends that when you replace the wall and ceiling, you should have treatment program to keep the termites away from the new walls and ceiling. The treatment program would cost \$850 to install with a monthly charge of \$26. Nothing was decided at this time; but would keep this on the agenda, until the project is completed.

John Scrivens – Everything is good.

Correspondence:

- Email from Brent Bauman SRBC-Funding Considerations for Public water Suppliers, Asset Management, and more. SRBC is hosting a free workshop 9/20/17 in Williamsport
- Received 2 Right to Know Requests from David Richards- Requesting 1 quarter readings by account number, and seeking emails and information relating to the rate increases; Solicitor Battersby will be researching the second RTK request; with his 30 day limit.

Having nothing else to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM, on a motion by Harold Lau, with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be held **October 5, 2017** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA