

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
September 1, 2016

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held September 1, 2016 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; Harold Lau; Ron Weidner; and Rick Saxon.

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer; John Scrivens; David Richards; Ken Young and Roberta Teal.

Absent: Solicitor Matthew Battersby

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of August 4, 2016 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 2016, the bills totaled \$20,812.88 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to approve the paying of the bills for August with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Public/Guest Comment: Ken Young present a handout about his testimony of August 4, 2016, which he mentioned his civil rights were violated by the local, state and federal government. He also stated he presented at a meeting in 2007 the Code of Ethics for Government Service which was passed by Congress and signed into law July 3, 1980; and he strongly believes in. He continued speaking about past Borough Council meetings; which is not related to Authority business.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported that Teresa Blauch spoke with Joshua Orsi, an intern with Representative Will Tallman's office about the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Teresa documented the conversation and sent a email with the information she relayed to Joshua; which all the members received. Chairman Mummert mentioned he has spoken with Representative Will Tallman about the SRBC and found out some of their members from New York were receiving a retirement pension from the State of Pennsylvania; and Representative Tallman will be investigating why Pennsylvania money is going to New York. Also mentioned was how DEP will work with the municipalities and SRBC is more demanding, and hard to work with.

Deepthi mentioned that she or Theresa will be setting up a meeting with SRBC to work on getting the metering and monitoring plan completed. The Authority Board asked Mr. Dehoff for a 90 day extension at the July 7, 2016; which was granted; the new deadline is October 10, 2016.

Harold Lau asked Deepthi about the capital improvement plan for the sewer lines and the grant application cost for just lining the sewer pipes. Deepthi stated it would be \$8,000 to \$10,000 to do the application; without the permit fees. Deepthi related that a colleague had applied for a similar grant for one of their customers to line the sewer pipes and it was denied. ***The consensus of the Board was not to pursue the grant.*** Chairman Mummert asked John Scrivens about the process of lining the sewer lateral. John Scrivens mentioned that Abbottstown-Paradise Sewer Authority had around 22 lines and manholes redone for an approximate cost of \$100,000.00.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby was absent.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 30 delinquent accounts for a total of \$10,561.38 and past due notices were sent 8/30/16. He also reported the Authority received a letter from BBT Bank that we still have our line of credit for \$100,000.00 at their bank, as long as we remain financially in good standing.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst presented the 2017 Pension MMO and the total is \$12,569.00. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the 2017 Pension MMO of \$12,569.00 with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business: Chairman Mummert mentioned the three quotes for the inspection of the water tower on Abbottstown Street.

- 1) Doug DeClerk is the person that did the inspection many years ago. He gave 4 options.
 - a) Option #1-Partial drain of tank \$1,250;
 - b) Option #2-Full Interior drain of tank \$6,000;
 - c) Option #3-Robotic Assessment is \$4,000; and
 - d) Option #4-Dive Assessment \$9,950. His phone contact information is (570)916-4542.

- 2) World International Testing, Inc. is from Ohio. They quoted between \$3514.96-\$4264.96.
 - a) Tank clean out
 - b) Tank disinfection
 - c) Analytical Testing of existing coatings. The phone contact information is (740)264-1111.

- 3) Mumford-Bjorkman Assoc., Inc. is from Delaware. They quoted at the job for \$3,500.
The phone contact information is (302)322-2000.

Chairman Mummert informed the Board that the sludge truck has been sold for \$300. Emails were sent to different municipalities asking if they would be interested in the sludge truck and there was no response from the municipalities.

New Business: Chairman Mummert brought to the Board's attention that the New Oxford Municipal Authority (NOMA) sent a letter informing the Authority in their interest in purchasing our water and sewer system. According to last month meeting it was decided the Board was not interested in selling the water or sewer system. **The consensus of the Board is they are not interested in pursuing the selling of the water or sewer system.** Rick Saxon suggested opening up lines of communication to combine projects to get better pricing. Also Harold Lau suggested possibility of combined Health Insurance.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan stated the wells are low and we should inform the residents to conserve water. The hydrant on Park Road will be replaced next week. Doug Keller informed the office there may be a leak in his yard. Nathan will be checking.
John Scrivens – John stated the manhole cover at 4th Street and North Ave keeps popping up and should be replaced.

Correspondence:

- Received a letter from New Oxford Municipal Authority (NOMA) requesting a meeting with the Board on purchasing the Water and Sewer System.
- Received a phone log email from Teresa Blauch of Buchart-Horn concerning her conversation with Joshua Orsi.
- Received an email from SRBC on their rate increases.
- Received a letter from BBT Bank that we still have our line of credit for \$100,000.00 at their bank, as long as we remain financially in good standing.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Next meeting will be held October 6, 2016 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA