

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
February 8, 2012

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on February 8, 2012 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; John O'Brien; Robert Clayton; Charles Krall; and David Richards.

**Also Present:** Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Deepthi Kayanam of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer; Roberta Teal and Dean Wonders.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of January 5, 2012, with a second by John O'Brien. David Richards stated the minutes should reflect a roll call vote was taken for the appointment of the professionals. Charles Krall and Charles Eisenhart reviewed the tape of the January meeting and it is noted the Chairman did not ask for a roll call vote for the appointment of the professionals. **Motion carried to approve the minutes of January 5, 2012.**

**Payment of Bills:** All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for January, which totaled \$39,740.87, from the operating funds. John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for January; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.**

**Engineer's Report:** Deepthi Kayanam of Buchart-Horn presented a proposal for the nitrate removal and explained the two options.

1. Submit a Ground Water Evaluation Report which includes the following:  
Summarize geology , Perform Fracture Trace Analysis, Conduct Windshield Survey around a 1 mile Radius of the well, Review and Tabulate Analytical Results for past 10 years, Review Available Reports and Well Logs, Interview/Meet with Authority Personnel, Submit Report summarizing results and findings
2. Submit a Letter Report describing the Methods of Nitrate Removal which would include the following:  
Evaluate Treatment Alternatives for Nitrate Removal, Provide conceptual level cost estimates for the treatment alternatives, Outline the recommended approach to bring the Authority into compliance with the Nitrate maximum contamination limits (MCLs).

The fee for this work will be around \$9,500. If the Authority decides on option 2, then the price would be less.

Deepthi also presented information on options for the well house. Buchart-Horn took pictures and measurements for possible expansion of the well house for equipment to reduce the nitrates. The discussion was put on hold for the design because the test results could be lower; and this would not be necessary.

The planning module work requested by Reading Township was put on hold until the Authority gets a signed agreement that they will be connecting to the sewer plant.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby reported on a number of collections at the District Justice's office, and explained the process. Solicitor Battersby requested a brief executive meeting following the regular meeting, concerning nitrates.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Eisenhart reported there are 91 delinquent accounts this quarter for a total of \$37,662.59.

Mr. Eisenhart reported the Authority received their first payment of \$650 from Earl Brown. There was a discussion on the two remaining accounts at the District Justice office that need to be served. There is an additional fee of \$60 per account for the sheriff to serve the papers. The consensus of the Board was to continue the process and have those accounts served by the sheriff.

Mr. Eisenhart reported that PA Municipal Retirement System will be sending out new contracts and he will be getting more information to present to the Board at a later date.

**New Business:** Chairman Mummert reported on the Awards banquet that he, Charles Krall, John O'Brien and Matt Battersby attended. The Authority received the Diamond Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of PA in recognition of the EBAJA wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

Chairman Mummert also reported on the Central PA Water organization will be touring the sewer treatment plant on May 11, 2012. He would like to co-ordinate with the Borough for use of a garage area for vendor stands during this event.

Charles Krall suggested buying a filing rack for the blue prints to get them more organized. He will be checking on pricing.

#### Old Business:

Chairman Mummert reported John Scrivens is still working on getting quotes for the work at the pump stations.

Nathan Boyer supplied information on the replacement of the UV lights at the sewer plant, and suggested we have some replacement bulbs available for when the bulbs expire. The approximate cost is \$305.00 per bulb. After a brief discussion; *Charles Krall made the motion to purchase 6 bulbs not to exceed \$2,000.00; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

David Richards inquired whether all the hydrant flushing was completed. He was told no; because of the well situations. He also questioned whether the gift card for each employee was mentioned in the minutes. The gift cards was previously agreed upon at an executive meeting. Each employee received a \$100 gift card from Nell's grocery store in lieu of a raise for 2012. Mr. Richards also questioned whether the Borough received the requested financial information that was sent by mail and received at the Authority office on December 28, 2011 and email on December 22, 2011 by David Richards, President of East Berlin Borough Council. Charles Eisenhart, Charles Krall, and Solicitor Battersby all reported that it was presented at the recent Borough Council meeting, by Treasurer Charles Eisenhart.

Charles Krall reported on the meeting with Jonathan S. Greiner; Project Manager for GeoDecisions, a division of Gannett Fleming; Mr. Greiner presented a slide presentation of how the Rapid Response system works. It would cost \$2,050.00 for the base set up fee and license, and a \$253.00 yearly maintenance fee. This system is accepted by DEP. *Charles Krall made the motion to accept GeoDecisions proposal for the Rapid Response program; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

David Richards reported on the meeting that he, Charles Krall, and Gerald L. Mummert attended that was sponsored by Synagrow. Most of the information was still in the set up phase and estimating costs, nothing was finalized yet.

#### Correspondence:

- WRAC meeting-Jan 24, 2012
- Biosolids Management Program-Jan 27, 2012
- PSAB Course on Source Water Protection-March 20, 2012-Open to everyone-Fee \$15
- Susquehanna River Basin-Request for input to SRBC Water Resource Programs 2013-2014
- PRWA Annual Conference Info-March 27-30, 2012

Chairman Mummert reported he called Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) about the correspondence that was sent November 4, 2010 to Jim Richenderfer of the SRBC concerning Well 5's permitted withdrawal limits, and has not received a response to that letter, yet.

The Board closed the regular meeting to conduct an executive meeting at 7:58 PM concerning Nitrate levels in the water. Executive meeting closed at 8:11 PM to resume the regular meeting.

There being no further business, *Charles Krall made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Next meeting will be held March 1, 2012, at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA