

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
June 2, 2016

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held June 2, 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: Representative Will Tallman; Representative Dan Moul; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Deepthi Kalyanam of Bucharth-Horn; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Roberta Teal and David Richards.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the minutes of May 5, 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 May 2016, the bills totaled \$27,039.93 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon to approve the paying of the bills for May with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Public/Guest Comment: Solicitor Battersby wrote a letter to SRBC asking for an explanation of their fees, and the Authority received a response along with a copies sent to Senator Alloway, Representative Will Tallman and Representative Dan Moul. Through Dan Moul's efforts Solicitor Battersby received a copy of the 1968 SRBC legislative journals, for the Senate and the House of Representative when they were considering creating the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. He read excerpts from 1968 SRBC legislative journals where it was stated it would be a surrender of democracy. Another excerpt states there is no limit to the amount of money this commission can spend and indebt the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Solicitor Battersby suggested a meeting in Harrisburg with Senator Alloway, Representative Will Tallman and Representative Dan Moul, and the chief legal counsel to see how to approach this and can we get the PA municipal authorities involved, he also stated that 76% of the Susquehanna River is in Pennsylvania. He introduced Representative Will Tallman and Representative Dan Moul, and stated they are here to help the Authority with their concerns of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Representative Tallman stated the south central caucus in the PA House is very concerned about the SRBC. Representative Dan Moul stated he has spoken with John Brousious of the PA Municipal Authorities Association; and they want to have a meeting to pull all the members of the SRBC area together to determine what they will permit, and make a proposal to that. He suggested presenting SRBC with what they are willing to pay, if they don't accept, let SRBC sue the Municipal Authorities. He stated the SRBC is building an empire on the rate payers back.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Bucharth-Horn handed out three final draft copies of the 20 year capital improvement plan for water and sewer projects which the costs and the maps were updated. Route 194 project was added along the water tower inspection/painting.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby was reported above under Public/Guest Comment.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are still four accounts at BBT that have not been transferred. There are seventeen (17) delinquent accounts for \$7,496.57 for the second quarter of 2016. Mr. Lau also presented information on a Line of Credit at ACNB and the fee of \$250 or \$100 a year. The consensus was not to do a line of credit at ACNB right now. We also closed the safe deposit box at BBT.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported the Authority did get the refund of \$29.75 service fee from ACNB. We also received a letter from the state concerning sales taxes we paid on our Met-Ed bills. We will be getting a refund of \$296.20 for the sales taxes we paid on the Met-Ed accounts.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Charles Krall inquired if James Dougherty sent an updated fee listing. He was told nothing was received, and the secretary left the meeting to check if any emails came in after the close of the day. There was no new emails from Mr. Dougherty. The board members stated their views on this project and have decided to end the project. The initial idea was to what the system was worth. Nobody was interested in selling the system; it was supposed to be for the leasing of the system only. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon with a second by Ron Weidner to end the Monetization of the Authority's Assets Project. By roll call vote: All members voted yes to end the Monetization of the Authority's Assets Project. **Motion carried.***

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Nathan presented a proposal from Tom Parichuk Paving of \$3,750.00 for 6 patching area from water leaks. Ron Weidner asked if any other companies were contacted, he was told they were, but the jobs are too small and those companies don't want to do them. *On a motion by Charles Krall and a second by Ron Weidner the Board accepted the proposal of \$3,750.00 for the paving work. **Motion carried.***

John Scrivens –Nothing to report.

Correspondence: Letter from SRBC. Solicitor Battersby sent information on the wish list for the monetization.

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM. Next meeting will be held July 7, 2016 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA