

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
July 5, 2012

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held July 5, 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; David Richards; and Charles Krall

**Also Present:** Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Deepthi Kayanam and Sherry Wolfe of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer; John Scrivens; Roberta Teal; and Jay Weaver.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: *A motion was made by John O'Brien to accept the minutes of May 3, 2012; with a second by Robert Clayton. David Richards suggested to strike the last sentence of the Treasurer's Report; and add to the correspondence of email from David Richards: A proposed policy statement on the assignment of expenses of operating funds or capital expense funds was offered for review and/or comment. **Motion carried as corrected.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for June, which totaled \$27,432.16 from the operational funds. *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for June; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Public Comment: Jay Weaver, 200 Harrisburg Street; asked the Authority to give some thought for a better way of calculating the sewer rates for residents with pools. He explained that he has a pool and the pool water does not go into the sewer, so he is paying for a service that he is not using. Chairman Mummert thanked Mr. Weaver for expressing his view point.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kayanam of Buchart-Horn reported on the aquifer testing plan, which was submitted to Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Sherry Wolfe of Buchart-Horn presented for Bruce Hulshizer; recommendations for the Environmental Facilities Control System. This system would provide control, data-logging, and alarming for the Authority wells. The Phoenix Contact system would not have a monthly charge. It would use radio transmission rather cellular to transmit data. The purchase of the equipment would cost \$18,500; the construction of the project would need to go thru the bidding process. They also recommend that the mechanical flow meter at Well 1 be replaced with a magnetic type flow meter as part of this project. They recommend advertising thru PennBid to reduce bidding expenses. The total for the project should be \$53,000; plus an hourly rate. In the first quarter of 2013 we need to have the reporting information for Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Advertising and bidding will take approximately 3 months. She also presented a proposal for design and bidding of an environmental facilities control system. This system would turn the wells on and off based on the tank level, receive and store data from the existing wells, and send text-message alarms. The estimated cost would be sixteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$16,100.00); not to exceed without written authorization. There was brief discussion on this and David Richards suggested authorizing the engineer to do the proposal portion of the project. *Robert Clayton made the motion to authorize Buchart-Horn, Inc. to do the engineering portion of the project for \$16,100 at this time; with a second by David Richards. **Motion carried.***

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he would be working with Jim Dougherty to help shepherd this thru with Pennvest at a charge of \$2,500 to \$7,000 total. It was suggested a detailed monthly time report be given to the Board. *Robert Clayton made the motion authorizing McNeese, Wallace and Nurick to work on the grant funding at the cost of \$2,500 to \$7,000; with a second by John O'Brien. There were concerns that this*

should be charged to the water project and a time limit should be placed on this; which would be the award date of October 24, 2012. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported collections of \$29,821.55 for delinquent account during May and June. This was the largest delinquent list we ever had. He also reported he received 2 quotes for auditors for next year.

New Business: Robert Clayton questioned if Columbia Gas' automatic meter reader would interfere with the Authority's system. David Richards requested a copy of the actual audit. The secretary will scan it and send it in an email to the Board members.

David Richards commented that he sent an email to the members on June 30<sup>th</sup> which reflects the first quarter results; and proposes his estimates replace the ones in the adopted 2012 budget; and send the engineer's certified copy per the agreement to the Borough. There was a discussion and Charles Krall recommends a compromise to submit as an attachment. There was a question on why the Authority would go back to 2009 for comparison; it was explained that there was an increase in revenue as the rate changed. Solicitor Battersby stated the engineer should review the budget to see if the Authority is meeting their obligations. The Board tabled the discussion until Bruce looks at David Richards estimates.

Old Business: The secretary reported she had the training on the Rapid Response system, and we can start to use it.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Reported on the water leak on South Ave on June 23, 2012; the minor vandalism at the Wastewater Treatment plant on June 24, 2012; they started exercising the water main valves; they plan on fixing the fire hydrant on Harrisburg St the week of July 23, and submitted a proposal from Kline's Services of \$1600. Charles Krall questioned whether a water meter was installed at the fire company and the Borough hall.

John Scrivens- reported the Nitrate level for the quarter April, May and June was 7.78; the consensus of the Board is to take the sample for the next quarter right away. They measured off the 100 ft area around well 1. John also reported on the sewer clog on Route 234; they had Kline's Services come in on an emergency call for \$987.50. John suggested televising that area, sometime to see what is causing the problem.

Correspondence:

- Email from Dave Richards concerning the rate increase; and required certification of the budget to the Borough. (Everyone received the email).
- Email from D. Richards dated June 21, 2012; which addresses whether the variable charges for water and sewer rates cover the operational expenses as noted in his calculation of 2008 thru 2012.
- Fax from Solicitor Battersby concerning Littlestown's financing of a new WWTP.
- CHAR newsletter.

Next meeting will be held August 2, 2012, at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM

Having no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall.* **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting will be held August 2, 2012, at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA