

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
June 7, 2012

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held June 7, 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; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; Nathan Boyer; John Scrivens and Roberta Teal.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of May 3, 2012; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.*

Special Meeting Minutes: *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the minutes of May 16, 2012; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for May, which totaled \$35,361.44, from the operating funds. *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for May; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported the videoing and the step testing of Well 1 were completed. He summarized the information: There is a sustained yield of 50 GPM, which the well is permitted at. Through the videoing they found there was only 6 feet of casing, which there is normally more than that. The well was drawn in 1927. There are a lot of fractures in the bed rock which is slanted. Teresa Blauch of Buchart-Horn recommends controlling a minimum 100-foot radius surrounding the wellhead. No applications of pesticides, herbicides, manure or other additives are allowed within the well head protection area. Charles Krall presented information from Adams County GIS mapping showing the area of property measures point 88 (.88) acres. Chairman Mummert spoke with Mr. Fletcher that afternoon and reported Mr. Fletcher had no problem with the Authority marking off the area where he should not be fertilizing or planting crops. He was very cooperative, and at this point there is a verbal agreement. It was suggested to get a written right away agreement. Teresa is putting together the aquifer testing plan for SRBC to be submitted later this month.

Bruce also mentioned about capturing the well depth and flow for Well 2 and Well 4 with a level sensor. He suggested Phoenix Contact of Harrisburg which would use a radio system to capture the data for an estimated cost of \$50,000; and would like this to be in place by the fall of this year. He suggested contacting Lenig's to see if this could be done at a reduced cost. Bruce would have to check on the specifications and gather more information. There was further discussion on the various information that could be collected and the equipment that would be needed.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he is working with the secretary on the collections of overdue bills. He also reported he has been trying to contact Senator Alloway, but he is on vacation. Chairman Mummert stated the Board would like the state representatives to help shepherd us through the program for what the Board would like to receive. The areas that the Board is concentrating on are: SRBC Aquifer Testing -Well 1 video/step testing (May); Aquifer test (June); Aquifer test (fall 2012) for \$85,000; Well data logging and alarms for \$50,000; and Well 6 and the water main construction for \$575,000. There will be a breakfast meeting at 7 AM on Monday June 11, 2012 with Representative Tallman, concerning the availability of money for these projects.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported collections are continuing and the list seems to get longer each quarter. When the budget was drawn up there was an average of 686 accounts paying per quarter; now there are approximately 726 paying accounts. Mr. Eisenhart stated with the work that the engineer is proposing; he suggests cashing in one of the certificates of deposits (\$157,566.77). Chairman Mummert entertained a motion to cash in the \$157,566.77 CD. *David Richards made the motion to cash in the \$157,566.77 CD with a second by Charles Krall. All voted in favor of cashing in the CD. Motion carried.*

The treasurer went over the capital reserve accounts, and at this point recommends nothing be done on the capital reserve accounts; he recommends raising the fixed rate next year. The Sewer Capital Reserve account is strictly used for the Pennvest debt service. The treasurer continued with the operational budget. He recommends either raising the per gallon rate \$1 or \$2. David Richards mention there was a shortfall in November and December of 2011; and Mr. Richards stated the operational costs were not covered by the operational rates. Mr. Richards presented information on the gallons of water by quarter that is used. There was a brief discussion on the average usage of 8,000,000 gallons of water per quarter and the average amount of customers was 698. There was more discussion on raising the rates, and it was decided to raise the sewer operational rate from \$7 per thousand gallons to \$9 per thousand gallons. *Charles Krall made the motion to raise the sewer operational rate from \$7 per thousand gallons to \$9 per thousand gallons effective with July's billing by Resolution 2012-4; with a second by Robert Clayton.*

Roll Call vote: J O'Brien-Yes; R Clayton-Yes; D Richards-Yes; C Krall-Yes; and GL Mummert-Yes. Tally-5 Yes'. **Motion carried by unanimous vote.** The treasurer recommends the Board evaluate raising the CR Sewer at budget time.

Charles Krall suggested he and David Richards revisit the EDU issue for the large water users. Robert Clayton inquired whether anything has materialized with Reading Twp. or the CW Test property in Hamilton Twp. There has been no correspondence as of yet from either party this year.

David Richards suggested a new budget because of the increase in revenues from the rate increase. He also stated the engineer did not sign off on the budget as required by the agreement with the Borough. If a new budget is presented then the engineer can sign off on it. There was brief discussion; Mr. Richards stated that this is not crucial; but more historical; and suggested to at least change the revenue portion of the budget; because it is under estimated. ~~Solicitor Battersby stated the historical part is in your minutes; and the resolution covers the rest.~~

New Business: None

Old Business: Chairman Mummert reported the Rapid Response System should be ready for training in three weeks. The secretary will have an insert with the July bills for correct contact information for the system.

*Charles Krall made a motion to approve the \$850 expenditure for the extension warranty for the hand held receiver; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.* Mr. Richards suggested removing the battery from the apparatus when not in use.

Chairman Mummert brought to the Board's attention Mr. Kennedy's lawn; *Charles Krall made the motion to table this for a later date; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.*

Operator's Report: Nathan Boyer –Nothing to report; John Scrivens-Nothing to report. Mr. Krall asked Nathan if he could find out where Well #3 is located.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Pennvest concerning nutrient credits
- Email from Dave Richards which he copied everyone on. **ADDED:** Mr. Richards offered a proposed policy statement of assignment of expenses to operating or capital expense categories for review and/or comment. Mr. Richards suggested reviewing the pension plan, there was a discussion and he commented that the Authority's pension plan is overly generous. It was suggested the secretary do a survey of other operator's and secretary salaries, and pension plans, in the area.

Having no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting will be held July 5, 2012, at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannelore B. Furst,  
Secretary EBAJA