

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
October 4, 2012

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held October 4, 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: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Lee Byers of Liberty Fire Company; Ben Leas of Reading Township Municipal Authority; Fred Heerbrandt, Engineer for Reading Township Municipal Authority; Robert Zangueneh and Paul Bart, Reading Township Supervisors, late arrivals: Cindy Reigart and Ron Garis of Beyond All Boundaries, surveyor.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of September 6, 2012; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for September, which totaled \$29,049.37 from the operational funds. *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for September; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Public Comment:

Lee Byers from Liberty Fire Company presented the Board with the fire company's standard operating guidelines for the hydrant in town. Chairman Mummert questioned how much water is used when they draw from a hydrant. Mr. Byers stated it depended of the situation; it could be anywhere from 500 to 1500 gallons a minute. There was a brief discussion on the filling of resident's pools and fire personnel washing personal vehicles at the fire company. Mr. Byers reported the tanker holds 1800 gallons of water. When they fill a pool the first load is the water that is in the tanker; any other loads then drawn from the creek; then they refill the tanker with town water. This is a fund raiser for the fire company. It was discussed that the policy letter concerning filling pools was sent to the fire company around July or August 2010. The secretary will send the fire company another copy of the policy. Mr. Byers also brought up about adding another meter to the fire company; he mentioned other fire companies don't get charged for their water usage. The additional meter is for monitoring purposes only; so the authority has a more accurate account of the water usage for the yearly DEP water reports. The board will review the policy on filling pools.

Robert Zangueneh stated Reading Township Municipal Authority (RTMA) board requested Reading Township supervisors get involved as a mediator between RTMA and EBAJA. They are interested in reestablishing a working relationship concerning the sewer treatment of Laughman's Bottom, and discuss the money involved. Solicitor Battersby informed Mr. Zangueneh that the agreement was sent to Solicitor Sharon Myers for review two times and the Authority is waiting for her response. The consensus of the Board is to hold a meeting on November 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM at the Authority office. Mr. Zangueneh stated there will be a discussion list distributed prior to the meeting. Fred Heerbrandt asked if the Authority has considered anything that John Williams discussed last month. Solicitor Battersby stated we will discuss that at the meeting on November 7th. Mr. Heerbrandt handed out information from the PA Municipal Authority's Act for the Board to look at prior to the meeting.

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported on the rebidding of the Control System Monitoring System for the radio system and the mission system thru Pennbid.

B & R Electrical Contractors, Inc. bid for the radio control system was \$124,325.00;

IB Abel, Inc. bid was \$233,470.00, for the base bid. Also; B & R bid the mission system/cellular system at \$80,780.00.

There is a provision that the bids are good for 120 days to acquire financing. The consensus of the Board is to table this pending the results of the financing meeting. Pennvest board will meet later this month.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he spoke with Hamilton Township's zoning officer concerning the permitting of Well 6. Solicitor Battersby also spoke with a representative of Adams County National Bank (ACNB) concerning reserve capacity for the Buttercup Farm area.

Bruce Hulshizer mentioned the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was built for the service area not for Reading Twp. The EDU's are for the service area, and we cannot just give that capacity to Reading Twp. At the present, there is capacity. There isn't any additional flows coming in and the WWTP could handle Reading Twp. If the development happens in Hamilton Twp as proposed, then there would not be enough capacity for Reading Twp.; we would need to expand the WWTP. The expansion would be because of Reading Twp and they should pay for the expansion. There was further discussion on the possible expansion if Reading Twp decides to connect to the Authority's system, such as the updating of the Act 537 plan and building another SBR tank and all the equipment associated with the tank. Bruce suggested televising the lines where Reading Twp. is thinking of connecting and the Authority's new interceptor. It was suggested having a list of topics for discussion before the meeting on November 7th. It was suggested since Reading Twp is requesting the engineer and lawyer attend the November 7th meeting; they pay their fees to attend the meeting. These topics will be reviewed at the next monthly meeting. A copy of the agreement will be made available to the members prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported there are four accounts being processed at the district justice's office. He also reported that the Borough and the Authority will be paying off the 1998 GON loan this month. There was discussion on the liens, and the next step after it reaches \$1,000, and sheriff sales. The secretary will create a resolution for when a lien should be processed.

New Business: Mrs. Sipling of 383 Beaver Street requested use of the parking area of the Beaver Street pump house for her school bus during the winter. The Board denied her request.

Old Business: David Richards presented information concerning electric suppliers thru email to the Board prior to the meeting. He explained his findings and recommends the Board switch from Liberty Power to First Energy. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept First Energy contract for two years starting in January 2013; 1st year rate @ .0683 per kHz; and 2nd year rate @ .0668 per kHz; subject to final contract approval, with a second by Robert Clayton.* There was a brief discussion on the hidden costs.

Motion carried.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Gave an estimated cost of materials to reroof the pump house on Fish & Game Road at \$346.97.

John Scrivens– Nothing to report

Correspondence: Email from Matt Battersby concerning McNees Wallace & Nurick work on a Pennvest grant.

Cindy Reigart (199 & 201 Kuhn Drive) addressed the Board about the subdivision of her properties. She is taking a single unit and converting it into a two apartment units. She was referred to the authority to locate the sewer right of ways and the water mains. If there are no recorded easements; then they would have to be drawn up and submitted. Ron Garis requested another hookup, EDU and a written letter stating they have the EDU for the additional apartment. Solicitor Battersby responded there is a reservation fee for water of \$2500 and for sewer it is \$4015; and half down is required with the application for reservation.

John Scrivens explained the connections to the water mains will be done by our contractor with the property owner paying for that service.

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 8:37 PM. Next meeting will be held November 1, 2012, at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore B. Furst,
Secretary EBAJA