

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
October 5, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held October 5, 2017 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; Ron Weidner; Harold Lau; Rick Saxon and Charles Krall

**Also Present:** Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; Roberta Teal and David Richards.

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by Harold Lau to accept the minutes of September 7, 2017 as written; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

**Payment of Bills:** All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for September 2017 for a total of \$29,524.49 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for September with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

**Public/Guest Comment:** None

**Engineer's Report:** Deepthi presented information on permanent backup generators for each well at the cost of \$50,000 each. There was a brief discussion on the price for an electrician to put in a transfer box and rent generators. It was decided to look into different options, instead of the permanent back-up generator. A 50 KW generator would suffice for any of the wells. Ron Weidner will be checking on prices at the surplus warehouse at his earliest convenience.

**Solicitor's Report:** Nothing to report. Solicitor Battersby returned David Richards RTK form. Mr. Richards was emailed his response.

**Treasurer's Report:** Harold Lau reported 21 delinquent accounts for a total \$7,477.02 before the quarterly bills went out. Mr. Lau presented the energy quotes from Direct Energy: 12 month-.05503; 24 month-.05351; and 36 month-.05289; our current rate is .062. The other energy company pricing was comparable. the board decided to stay with the current broker. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to go with the three contract with direct Energy at .05289; with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.*** Mr. Lau has been working on the budget; also requested any additional information from the Board for the budget. It was suggested to include in the budget \$5,000 for the generator and transfer box installation, and the smoke testing for Abbottstown Street and Harrisburg Street. We have not received our report for the East/West King Street smoke testing, yet.

**Secretary's Report:** Hanna Furst reported letters were sent to Senator Rich Alloway, Representative Dan Moul and Representative Will Tallman expressing the Boards opposition to House Bill #798; which would require authorities to seek PUC approval for rate adjustments. No response has been received. Ms. Furst presented the 2018 Pension MMO with a total of \$302.00 at the last meeting, but found there was a mathematical error and sent an email to the Board members with the correct amount of \$8,744, and revised the submission to PMRS.

**Unfinished Business:** Nathan Boyer reported Paul Grim has begun working on re-pointing the building at Well #1.

New Business: Nothing

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Everything is good

John Scrivens – Everything is good.

Correspondence

- Emails about Energy Choices

Having nothing else to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner, with a second by Charles Krall. ***Motion carried.***

Next meeting will be held **November 2, 2017** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA