

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
November 2, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held November 2, 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; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; and Roberta Teal

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of October 5, 2017 as corrected on the payment of the bills amount of \$29,524.49 with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as corrected.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for October 2017 for a total of \$20,059.14 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to approve the paying of the bills for October with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported she called Bethany Sweger of DEP concerning an update of Reading Twp and the mediation meeting. She was told Reading Twp. has not submitted any names for their preference of mediators. Gerald Mummert mentioned Jonathan Curtis of DEP was contacted about Reading Twp's slow response to their sewage problem and nothing has been done concerning the problem yet. There was some question whether Reading Twp received the NPDS permit to build a sewer facility. It was mentioned the news media should be contacted about the problem. She also mentioned whether Hamilton Twp has an ordinance for mandatory hook up along the Route 194 corridor. Solicitor Battersby has a copy of Hamilton Twp's ordinance.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he has reviewed Hamilton Twp new ordinance; establishing requirements for mandatory sewer service for properties situated within EBAJA service area; and it mentions the developer will pay reservation fees, it looks fine to him. Ron Weidner will report this to Hamilton Twp solicitor, and will make it part of their planning process. A copy of the proposed ordinance was given to the Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported 147 delinquent accounts for a total \$43,301.69. Mr. Lau handed out the preliminary budget to the board, for their inspection. Solicitor Battersby noted that the Borough President Roberta Teal was given a copy of the preliminary budget. Mr. Lau also mentioned he did not add an increase to the water or sewer rates; but if the Board decides to do renovations to the water tower then the water rate should be increased.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported the Authority has received a flash drive from USG on the smoke testing that was done the week of Sept 5-8, 2017. Mr. Lau reviewed the pictures. A letter will be sent to the homeowners whose properties are in violation.

She also reported the lien on 115 West King Street has been satisfied, and Trinity Lutheran Church has purchased the property and will be demolishing the house. The water has been turned off and the water meter removed. There was a brief discussion on whether the church wants to keep the EDU's and continue making quarterly payments; in case they decide in the future to build on the property. The secretary will contact the church for their decision. She also mentioned a resident complained the Authority raised their rates without having a public meeting and his lawyer stated it was illegal. The resident was informed the Authority did not have to have a public meeting because they are not governed by PUC rules, because they are an Authority.

Unfinished Business: Paul Grim has finished working on re-pointing the building at Well #1. His bill of \$4,300 was included in the bill report.

Charles Krall suggested asking Andrew Dehoff of SRBC for help in getting Reading Twp and DEP moving on the pollution problem of the creek. There was a brief discussion and the Board by consensus decided they would welcome any help from SRBC could give the Authority to see what can be done to convince Reading Twp and DEP to get on board to correct the situation that has a potential pollution and discharge problem into the Conewago Creek ; which will eventually go to the Susquehanna River.

New Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Absent

John Scrivens – John reported for Nathan: Nathan is working on replacing the fire hydrant across from Jim & Nena's on Abbottstown Street; had a little bit more problems than they anticipated. Dept of Environmental Protection Water Dept. will be in next week for their annual inspection.

Correspondence-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Authority Board went into an executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss legal matters; executive session ended at 8:05 PM.

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM, on a motion by Harold Lau, with a second by Ron Weidner. ***Motion carried.***

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

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA