

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
February 1, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held February 1, 2018 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; John Scrivens

Absent: Deepthi Kalyanam of B-H and Nathan Boyer

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of January 4, 2018 as written, with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for January for a total of \$52,248.18 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for January with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: None-Absent

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby mentioned a complaint from Janet Bollinger (Janae Hull); concerning the frozen water meter at 217 Kuhn Drive. Janae wanted the authority to pay the plumbing bill for unthawing the frozen line, and to shut the water off at the residence on January 29. A request form was sent to the home owner for the shut off. Solicitor Battersby stated that is the proper procedure, only the property owner or the power of attorney can request the shut off. Solicitor Battersby suggested contacting the home owner and request a copy of the bill for consideration by the Board.

Solicitor Battersby mentioned the possibility of a fence around the area of the water tower, The project grant Deepthi is working on mentioned whether a fence is wanted; he suggests contacting the insurance carrier and find out if one is required. Deepthi mentioned earlier in the day on the phone that DEP does not require one. If one is installed that would add \$10,000 to the project.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported 134 delinquent accounts for a total \$48,789.75, as of this date. The utility bills were due January 1, 2018. There are several payment plans in affect.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she spoke with the Chief of the Liberty Fire Company; Lee Byers about the Public Protection Classification from ISO; the water pressure testing on the hydrants. Our rating is a five. He provided the authority with a copy of the full report; which is on file in the office.

Deepthi sent the Authority Resolution # 2018-1, which is for the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Water Facilities Improvement Project. The Authority is requesting a grant of \$500,000. Ms. Furst read the resolution to the Board. *A motion was made*

*by Ron Weidner to adopt Resolution #2018-01; with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried with all members voting in favor of adopting Resolution #2018-01.***

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Chairman Mummert read a letter from Hans Koch requesting a reduction in one of his water and sewer bills; his apartment #239 had a leak. He stated the water did not go into the sewer plant but was absorbed into the ground floor of the basement. The Board discussed this and by consensus decided to work with him on this. He is required to pay all of the water usage portion and estimated usage will be used for the sewer portion. After re-calculating the bill the bill was reduced by \$115.60.

Chairman Mummert mentioned he has requested Dan Moul to come and speak to the Authority about the article he wrote for the Gettysburg Times about SRBC and EPA.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer -Absent

John Scrivens - The pump at Branch Circle was pulled and replaced.

Correspondence

- PA Rural Water is seeking applicants for a 3 year term on their Board of Directors
- PA Rural Water & RAWSC offering a program for water distribution systems
- Hans Koch's letter

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner with a second by Rick Saxon. ***Motion carried.***

Next meeting will be held **March 1, 2018** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA