

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

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held November 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; and Charles Krall

Members Absent: Darrin Youker

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Battersby; Diana Young of B-H; and Roberta Teal.

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

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for October 2018 for a total of \$19,467.35 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for October with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Diana Young reported on Suez proposal and her review of Suez maintenance proposal and the math error in the calculation of the total-low bid column. She corrected on her spreadsheet. She recommends a copy of the proposal be provided to the solicitor as request at the initial meeting for his review. She also states financing may be necessary regardless of which alternative is chosen. There was a brief discussion on obtaining a copy of Bonneville's proposal for comparison.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report:

- Harold Lau reported there are 100 delinquent accounts for a total of \$48,253.44.
- Mr. Lau presented the 2019 proposed budget with a suggested 25 cents increase per thousand gallons of water usage to be reflected on the July billing. The Board had questions on the excessive bills in the maintenance category and had many questions on what Nathan's proposed expenditures for next year. A facilities tour was scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 10 AM; meeting at the office to start.
- Nathan wanted to exercise the curb-stops throughout the Borough. The engineer was questioned about that; and she stated that is not commonly done. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner with a second by Charles Krall that there would be no money available for exercising of curb stops unless absolutely necessary, in the 2019 budget. **Motion carried.***

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she will be filing a civil complaint at the magistrate for an account past due of \$1521.13 and another one for a lien on the property for \$1830.51.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Tucker Industrial Liquid Coatings questioned the water and sewer billing for this past quarter. This is the first quarter since they received a new meter. They were charged for 171,000 gallons. They did not think they used that much water, but after further inspection by the plant operator and Mr. Tucker; it was discovered that they had a leak in their boiler room. Mr. Tucker is asking that the sewer portion be eliminated, since the water did not go into the sewer. *On a motion by Ron Weidner and a second by Charles Krall the Board approved the change in the billing-to charge for water only. **Motion carried.***

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer -Nathan submitted a written report during his absence.

John Scrivens- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from Miller Roofing for our business.

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner and a second by Harold Lau.

Next meeting will be held **December 6, 2018** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA