

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET / PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

August 1, 2024

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held August 1, 2024 at 103 Locust St., East Berlin, PA. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Green. Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Members Present: Chairman G. Green, Vice Chairman R. Weidner, W. Staub, R. Teal

Members Absent: C. Krall

Also Present: Steve Himelbarb, Melissa Earp, Nathan Boyer, Treasurer, H. Lau

Guests: Hanover Land Service Representative Don Fleming

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Teal to accept the agenda for August 1, 2024 board meeting as written, with a second by R. Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

Minutes: A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the minutes of June 6, 2024 as written, with a second by R. Teal. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.**

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for July 2024, totaling **\$26,822.78** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by W. Staub to pay the July 2024 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: Don Fleming representing Scott Gunnett of Hanover Land Services representing Brian Properties proposing a 62,000 sq ft addition to 224 East King St needing approximately 550 gallons of water / day equaling 3 EDU's. Buchart Horn will review the capacity at the WWTP to determine the availability of three (3) EDU's and stay in communication with Hanover Land Service. One (1) EDU is known to be available since a client recently got out of the landlord business and relinquished the EDU.

Engineer's Report:

- Continuing to work on the planning documents needed to be approved by PADEP for the WWTP Expansion and Sanitary Sewer Extension. Will try to pursue planning and permitting concurrently, namely the ACT 537 Special Study and NPDES Permitting. Also laying out the option of pre-purchasing the equipment directly from Aqua and proceed with bidding later. The design team has set a working meeting with PADEP on Friday, August 2 to discuss options to complete planning by the grant allocation deadline.
- Survey work for the Rte 94 water and sewer extension continues.
- Visited the Branch Circle sewage pump station and gathered electrical data. If the Costars program can not be used for the State grant then we will prepare bid specifications for the project.
- Discussed internally the steps to address the anticipated exceedance of the MCL for PFAs in drinking water. BH recommends that a meeting be convened with PADEP drinking water regulators to determine if pilot studies are needed prior to designing a treatment system. Recent discussions with PADEP have indicated that all technologies except granular activated carbon are required to have pilot studies prior to design, however formal direction in that regard has not been issued by the Department.

Solicitor's Report:

Present

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance: \$61,976.07

Secretary's Report:

- ACLS called asking if the Authority would be interested in purchasing the building at 103 Locust St. Discussion ensued about the condition of the office space and building.
- H&R Block is moving to Dr. Klopfer's old office either by the end of the year or at the end of tax season (May 2025). Chairman and Secretary made plans to visit the current H&R Block office space for consideration as a potential new location for the EBAJA office.

Unfinished Business:

- Vacant Board Seat still unfilled. Members encouraged to seek out someone who is willing to serve on the board.

New Business:

Operator's Report:

- Kline's will clean lift stations for \$4745.00. R. Weidner made a motion to have the lift stations cleaned by Kline's. R. Teal seconded the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.
- Replaced the DO probe and controller on SBR tank #3 at the WWTP.
- Fire Hydrant quotes:
 - Exeter (Mueller brand) \$3793.18 individually or \$19,529.20 for five (5)
 - L/B Water
 - American Darling - \$4024.51
 - Mueller - \$4549.41
 - Ferguson Water Works (Mueller) \$3800 individually or \$18,500 for five (5).
 - Core and Main sell Mueller's and Kennedy's but failed to provide quote.

R. Teal made a motion to purchase five (5) Mueller hydrants from Ferguson Water Works with a second from W. Staub. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: none

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Weidner and a second by R. Teal. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Green at 7:35 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **September 5, 2024** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.