

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

August 7, 2008

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held August 7, 2008 at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

**Members Present:** Chairman Gerald L. Mummert; Charles Eisenhart; John Lerew; and John O'Brien.

**Members Absent:** Gregery Green

**Also Present:** Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; Authority Secretary Hannelore Furst; and David Richards.

*Charles Eisenhart made a motion to accept the minutes of July 3, 2008 as written. John Lerew seconded the motion. Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.*

*John O'Brien made a motion to pay the bills for the month of July in the amount of \$37,764.78. Charles Eisenhart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.*

**Treasurer's Report:**

Charles Eisenhart introduced Resolution # 2008-2 (Water Service). This resolution is amending Ordinance #1-2008 Appendix A (Rules and Regulations) Section 3 Collection of Water Rents Part B which lists the procedures for handling delinquent accounts.

Charles Eisenhart introduced Resolution # 2008-3 (Waste Water Service). This resolution is amending Ordinance #2-2008 Appendix A (Rules and Regulations) Section 3 Collection of Waste Water Rents Part B which lists the procedures for handling delinquent accounts.

*Charles Eisenhart made the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-2 and Resolution 2008-3; John O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.*

BD Equities Certificate of Deposit came due on August 6, 2008. It was decided to renew the CD for the least amount of time.

Another issue was the bad check from Rickie L. Adams of Rick's Iron Skillet; for the water, sewer bill. The check was for \$679.40, the secretary called Mr. Adams on Aug 6, 2008 about the check and he said he wrote the check on 7/22/08 and closed the account on 7/23/08. He also stated he is either going to file bankruptcy or the bank is going to foreclose on him. It was decided to turn the matter over to the police.

**Engineer's Report:**

Bruce Hulshizer reported that the soil bores were done two weeks ago, and the reports are positive. Susquehanna River Basin Commission contacted him last week and wants to do a walk thru to see the existing facility. He also stated he will contact Randy Test and provide him with a draft of water facility design, so he can get his financing.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Matthew Battersby stated he needs to send a letter of agreement to Andy Miller concerning \$2.6 million. *A motion was made by John Lerew to instruct the solicitor to fax a letter to Andy Miller stating the East Berlin Area Joint Authority has agreed to contribute \$2.6 million as its total contribution towards construction of the new treatment plant. Charles Eisenhart seconded the motion. Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.*

It was mentioned that if CW Test back out, they would have to back and do it over. Bruce Hulshizer stated that the way it was bid you could take Water Street out and the Northwest Sector. Even if Test drops out you can proceed because you have the bids, or you can redo a smaller plant. John Lerew stated he doesn't think the Authority can do anything; they don't want to saddle the people of East Berlin with the bill. The discussion continued concerning if the clarigestor would break. Then the sludge would need to be hauled away, and that can get expensive.

There was a discussion on the letter David Richards sent to Gerald L. Mummert. It was discussed about the Borough property and the upkeep of the properties. John Lerew stated it should be inspected on an annual basis. It was decided to select a time to inspect it. *A motion was made by John Lerew to inspect in April; 2 hours prior to the April Authority meeting. Charles Eisenhart seconded the motion.*  
**Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.**

John Lerew asked if the generator at the sewer plant has been addressed. After a brief discussion, *John Lerew made a motion to get an estimate on fixing the generator and an estimate for a new generator. John O'Brien seconded the motion.* **Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.**

Plant Manager's Report: None due to his absence

Public Comment:

David Richards suggested there should be an emergency generator, and it should be tested every month.

*John Lerew made a motion to schedule testing of the generator once a week for a half hour and record it on a log sheet. John O'Brien seconded the motion.* **Motion Carried with all voting in favor of.**

[ It was suggested another letter be sent to have another meeting to change the agreement. There was a discussion about some of the things that were wrong with the agreement.

There was some talk about small labs and testing.

A motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Charles Eisenhart to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary  
EBA Joint Authority