

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
August 4, 2011

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on August 4, 2011 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 7PM.

Members Present: Chairman Gerald L. Mummert; John O'Brien; Robert Clayton; and David Richards.

Members Absent: Charles Krall

Also Present: Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; and Nathan Boyer.

Minutes: *A motion was made by John O'Brien to accept the minutes of July 7, 2011, with a second by Robert Clayton. David Richards proposed adding to the Treasurer's Report two words-for sewer; in the middle of the paragraph, to the sentence: David Richards stated the money that is collected as a capital fee (**ADD: for sewer**);can only be used for capital expense fees. **Motion carried** as corrected.*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for July which totaled \$40,092.94, from the operating funds. *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for July; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported they are working on wrapping up Pennvest. He was trying to file the final payment request to Pennvest; but Pennvest's website is having problems and Deepthi is working on it. Matt Todaro of Buchart-Horn will sign the paperwork while Bruce is away. Pennvest has a hold back amount, once everything is satisfactory, then the holdback money will be disbursed. Gregory Contractors is requesting his final payment, but they included everything and the engineer's had to sort through the request and correct some items. It was suggested to pay Gregory Contractor's from the Authority funds, and when Pennvest releases the money the Authority could reimburse themselves. Solicitor Battersby suggested Gregory Contractors wait for the Pennvest disbursement as per agreement.

Bruce Hulshizer also reported the water system improvement project is complete, but the final payment request has not been submitted from EK Services. Kohl Brothers should be here next week to put in the controllers for the wells and get the flow meter signals corrected. The discussion continued on the well levels and also putting the notice back on the Borough community board to conserve water. Met-Ed did adjustments on the power supply for the alarms and there hasn't been any problem since.

Bruce Hulshizer mentioned the contract was signed with Hively's Landscaping and the 25% of the total bill was sent and the work should begin in the fall. It was suggested to coordinate with Todd Klinger of Buchart-Horn.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he is working in conjunction with the Borough solicitor to collect the money owed from Earl Brown. Earl Brown's property is listed on county tax sale list. Solicitor Battersby also stated he is still working on contacting DEP concerning Reading Township.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported as of July 31, 2011 there were 113 outstanding accounts for a total of \$37,812.69. He also reported 6 accounts were sent to the District Justice with all but one paying or making arrangements to pay, with one requesting a hearing. Mr. Eisenhart asked if anyone had any questions on the audit report; no one responded; Mr. Eisenhart concluded his report.

New Business: The secretary presented information on setting up a website. There were three quotes and another possible contact. This will be discussed at another meeting.

Chairman Mummert presented a proposal of \$1120.00 from Shane Hockensmith for concrete work at three locations. A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the proposal with a second by John O'Brien. During the

discussion it came to the Board's attention that the locations were at corners of the streets, which then was stated that the sidewalks would have to be ADA compliant. The motion was tabled until the engineer checks the ADA compliant specifications. The secretary will write Mr. Hockensmith a letter to resubmit his proposal with ADA specifications.

Chairman Mummert also presented a proposal for a STIHL Industrial weed eater for \$299.00. The consensus of the Board was to purchase the weed eater.

Old Business: John Scrivens reported all the residents at Schoolhouse Lane are now connected to the water and sewer system. It was decided that a letter should go out to the residents to remind them of the permit payments.

Correspondence:

- David Richards email concerning items for Thursday meeting, Chairman Mummert stated the discussion on Mr. Richards email would be tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment: None, no public present.

There being no further business, *Robert Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by John O'Brien.* **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannelore B. Furst,
Secretary EBAJA