

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

103 Locust Street
East Berlin, PA 17316

August 5, 2010

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on August 5, 2010 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: David Richards.

Also Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; Frank Schuhart; Mike Wallen; David Woodward; and members of the Reading Township Municipal Authority-Fred Heerbrandt of Wm. F. Hill & Assoc, Inc.; Judy Shemon; Don Shemon; Ben Leas; Gary Bullock, and Randy Hoover.

Minutes: *John O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of July 1, 2010 with second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried* by unanimous vote.

Payment of Bills: *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for July, 2010 in the amount of \$30,307.43; with a second by Charles Krall. All members received a copy of bills and receipts for July. Motion carried* with no dissenting votes.

The agenda was changed to move the Public Comment to the beginning of the meeting.

Guests:

Fred Heerbrandt of Wm. F. Hill & Assoc, Inc; representing Reading Township Municipal Authority stated they are still working on the study for the service areas of Laughman's (Lauchman) Bottom and Conewago Park. He requested some clarification on how the Authority was going to bill Reading Township for the sewer usage, and if Reading Township would be billed at a bulk rate. There was a brief discussion, and it was stated Reading Township would be billed the same as the East Berlin residents-the capital expense fee of \$75 per EDU plus the \$6 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Heerbrandt questioned how a vacant home would be charged. He was told they would be charged the capital expense fee.

Fred Heerbrandt stated he was concerned about rate increases and was wanted to know if there was something that could be worked out in the Intermunicipal Agreement. Solicitor Battersby reminded Mr. Heerbrandt that there is no agreement at this time. Mr. Heerbrandt also requested a copy of the Act 57 for review of the calculations. He also clarified that there would only be about 130 homes, not 180 homes as Solicitor Battersby stated in his letter. He also asked if there would be a seat available on the EBAJA for Reading Township. He was told that Reading Township would be a bulk customer, not a member. A formal letter would be sent answering Mr. Heerbrandt's questions. The Reading Township Municipal Authority members thanked the EBAJA members and they left the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn, Inc reported that for the Ground Water Rule the Authority has to purchase 4 chlorimeters (measures chlorine) and the total price for four chlorimeters is \$1604.19. *Robert Clayton moved to purchase the four chlorimeters with second by Charles Krall. Motion carried* by unanimous vote.

Bruce also reported the new sewer plant building is coming along well, but the collection system is a slow process. Pennvest approved the change order for the administrative building and garage.

Bruce continued that Well #4 is getting air in the lines because of lack of rain and it is pumping the well down. He is working on getting a quote for a depth measuring device; so that when the well gets low it would automatically turn off. Bruce also reminded the Board that their DEP well permit expires this year, in Hamilton Township, and Bruce will request an extension.

Chairman Mummert reported there is approximately \$24,748.20 left of the Pennvest Contingency money, with expected additional costs of \$26,500.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he will be drafting a letter of response for Reading Township Municipal Authority. He also stated that Summit Homes, ACNB and CW Test are still negotiating. Solicitor Battersby requested authority to advertise new ordinances for Water and Sewer Reservation. *John O'Brien moved to authorize Solicitor*

Battersby to advertise the Water and Sewer Ordinance; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried** with all voting in favor.

Solicitor Battersby reported they have served Earl W. Brown with a municipal claim for approximately \$8,000.

Solicitor Battersby stated James Dougherty of McNees, Wallace and Nurick, is continuing to work on getting money for the Authority. Chairman Mummert reported on the bill of \$19,962.31 from McNees, Wallace and Nurick and that it was considerably more than he expected, he requested a clarification on the costs; and he has asked for a monthly statement from them from now on. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to pay McNees, Wallace and Nurick's bill of \$19,962.31; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charles Eisenhart commented on the audit report; there were no questions from the Board. He also reviewed the first six month of the budget and the balance sheet.

Mr. Eisenhart requested the water capital expense fee of \$12 per account per billing of the water accounts be transferred to the Water Capital Reserve Fund. *Charles Krall moved to transfer the water capital expense fee of \$12 per account per billing to the Water Capital Reserve Fund; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.*

Mr. Eisenhart reported there are 93 open accounts as of August 5, 2010 for a total of \$27,387.20. It was also mention that a tenant requested his water/sewer bill be placed in his name, not the landlords. The office is to adhere to the ordinance; but would also send him a copy of the bill.

New Business: Chairman Mummert reported Mike Wallen and Nathan Boyer are expecting to take the DEP exam in September.

Old Business: Charles Krall reported he has quotes from the 2 vendors (HD Supply Water Works & Exeter Supply Co.) about a new water meter systems. Water Works uses a Badger Meter and Exeter uses Master Meters. Mr. Krall asked for a quote for 30 meters with the handheld device for a trial period, from HD Supply Water Works & Exeter Supply Co. He stated both systems basically work the same. Exeter Supply Co. gave a quote of \$19,350, all inclusive; and HD Supply Water Works quote was for \$16,496 with some extra items not included in the price. He also mentioned there is a pilot program of 6 meters from Exeter Supply that is free. After a brief discussion; *Charles Krall moved to implement the pilot program; with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Charles Krall also reported that with the construction of the new lines on Water Street; they encountered a problem; the rear property of 113 Water Street is connected to the front property of 113 Water Street. The consensus was that the property owner would have to pay a connection fee and get a separate connection. Solicitor Battersby will check the courthouse to verify any separate deed for that property.

Correspondence: Newsletter from PA Rural Water Association

Public Comment:

- Marlin Douglas asked when the west end of RT 234 would be fixed, he was told not until the sewer project was done.
- David Woodward asked what happened to the old generator, he was told it belongs to the contractor; it would have been in his bid.
- Mike Wallen questioned Bruce about the problems with the breaking of the water lines on Water Street, and who is responsible for fixing the problems. The consensus was its contractor's responsibility.

The members were reminded the next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2010 at 103 Locust St., 7 PM. *Having no further business to discuss; a motion was made by Robert Clayton to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion Carried.*

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman EBAJA

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, EBAJA Secretary