

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 Locust Street  
East Berlin, PA 17316

December 2, 2010

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on December 2, 2010 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

**Members Present:** Chairman Gerald L. Mummert; Robert Clayton; Charles Krall; John O'Brien; and David Richards.  
**Also Present:** Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; David Woodward; Michael Wallen and Nathan Boyer.

*John O'Brien made the motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2010 as written with no corrections, with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion carried* with all voting in favor.

**Payment of Bills:** *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for November, 2010 in the amount of \$29,697.58; with a second by Robert Clayton.* All members received a copy of bills and receipts for November. **Motion carried** with no dissenting votes. *Robert Clayton moved to pay the bills for December 2010; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried* with no dissenting votes.

**Public Comment:** None-no public present until 7:12 PM

Engineer's Report:

Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn, Inc reported the sewer project is substantially complete; they are finishing the paving. The residents of Schoolhouse Road can now be notified to hook up to the new system. He also reported the collection system inspector's hours have exceeded the estimated time. The consensus of the Board is to keep the inspector until the project is finished.

Bruce also explained the problem with the influent pumps over spraying the SBR tanks with the baffles. He suggests extending the baffles for a cost of \$2,738.00. *David Richards made the motion to extend the baffles for the SBR tanks for a total cost of \$2,738.00; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried* with no dissenting votes.

Bruce commented on getting the sewer bugs; we will be getting 2 loads from Abbottstown/Paradise Sewer Authority and Kline's Services will get 4 loads from another location.

There was a discussion on the phone lines for the new sewer plant, there will be two voice lines (1 data only and 1 voice) and a DSL line to monitor the system.

Bruce mentioned that on December 14 they will be pulling the pump up on Well 4.

He also reported on the bids for the Groundwater Rule and the Asbestos/Virus protection came in low. E.K. Services, Inc. had the low bid for the base bid at \$187,444.00. Wexcon had a bid of \$459,609.00 for the base bid and the add alternate total. He stated the whole project including Buchart-Horn's services would be \$529,000.00 for the Groundwater Rule. There was a discussion on the awarding the bid for the Groundwater Rule project. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to table awarding the bids until January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried* with no dissenting votes.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Battersby and Bruce Hulshizer both reported on Reading Township Municipal Authority's financial analysis and Reading Twp. Act 537 Supplement. Bruce suggested sending a letter to Reading Township Municipal Authority (RTMA), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the state representatives stating our position for RTMA to connect to the Authority's wastewater treatment plant. The Board critiqued Bruce's letter, with some changes. *A motion was made by John O'Brien; with a second by Charles Krall to send the amended*

letter to RTMA and copy the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the representatives of the various agencies. **Motion carried** by unanimous vote.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Charles Eisenhart stated we <sup>should</sup> will adopt the 2011 budget. David Richards discussed his proposed budget. He discussed the capital and operating accounts. Charles Eisenhart mentioned the way he has the accounts were discussed with the auditors, and was acceptable with them. Mr. Eisenhart stated board approved moving the fixed charges to the respective capital reserve accounts. A discussion continued, and Bruce Hulshizer mentioned that Mr. Richards' analysis did not have correct figures for the sewer plant because the loan will not start to be repaid until September. *Mr. Richards questioned the lobbying fees in the W/S Project Fund; and it was explained that it came from the Authority's money that was deposited into the W/S Project Fund from the regular water and sewer checking accounts. It was also explained that the Pennvest money is also deposited into that account. Pennvest money is used for the construction cost and not the lobbying fees. The Pennvest auditors were here recently and audited the W/S Project Fund account and had no problem with the way the account is managed.*

- A motion was made by Charles Krall to adopt the 2011 Water Operational Fund budget with revenues of \$162,035.00 and expenses of \$139,154.00; with a second by John O'Brien. **Roll Call:** RClayton, yes; CKrall, yes; DRichards, yes; JO'Brien, yes; GLMummert, yes. **Motion passed by roll call vote of 5 ayes.**
- A motion was made by John O'Brien to adopt the 2011 Sewer Operational Fund budget with revenues of \$231,970.00 and expenses of \$220,254.00; with a second by Charles Krall. **Roll Call:** RClayton, yes; CKrall, yes; DRichards, yes; JO'Brien, yes; GLMummert, yes. **Motion passed by roll call vote of 5 ayes.**
- A motion was made by Charles Krall to adopt the 2011 Water Capital Expenditure Fund budget with revenues of \$382,879.00 and expenses of \$391,308.00; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Roll Call:** RClayton, yes; CKrall, yes; DRichards, yes; JO'Brien, yes; GLMummert, yes. **Motion passed by roll call vote of 5 ayes.**
- A motion was made by John O'Brien to adopt the 2011 Sewer Capital Expenditure Fund budget with revenues of \$322,896.00 and expenses of \$249,930.00; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Roll Call:** RClayton, yes; CKrall, yes; DRichards, yes; JO'Brien, yes; GLMummert, yes. **Motion passed by roll call vote of 5 ayes.**

Mr. Eisenhart reminded the Board that the H2O Grant requires an audit within 120 days of the last draw of funds. This is not expected until June of 2011.

#### New Business: None

Old Business: David Richards commented on the fire at 201 East King Street on 11/24/10, and the trouble with some of the hydrants. Chairman Mummert stated he spoke with Leroy Byers, President of the fire company and the fire company wanted to report they used about 10,000 gallons for that fire.

Charles Krall reported Exeter Company will be in December 13, 2010 to read the pilot program meters. Mr. Krall also reported he and Chairman Mummert met with representative concerning the source water protection. A plan is proposed and they would like a steering committee. The next meeting is January 27, 2011.

Mike Wallen brought up about replacing some of the fire hydrants; it was stated there would be an expense involved because of the size of the old lines and the size of the connecting lines to the hydrants. Mike also stated they did exercise most of the hydrants in town. It was brought up the replacement of the hydrants is in the comprehensive plan.

#### Correspondence:

Email –PMAA about Mandatory Sprinkler Systems; Thank you note from ACNB; Email-PMAA concerning Sprinkler system moratorium bill; Fax-Concerning 2011 PRWA Annual Conference

**Executive Meeting:** The Board went into an executive session at 8:45 PM concerning salaries for the budget. The Executive session closed at 9:05 PM, and the regular meeting reopened.

*A motion was made to accept the adopted 2011 budget as amended with the 2% wage increase for the personnel by Charles Krall with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried** with no dissenting votes.*

Having no further business to discuss Robert Clayton made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. The motion was second by John O'Brien. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Hannelore B. Furst, EBAJA Secretary