

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
July 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on July 7, 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; David Richards; and 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 Charles Krall to accept the minutes of June 2, 2011 as written, with a second by John O'Brien. **Motion carried.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for June which totaled \$34,843.51, from the operating funds. *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for June; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

Engineer's Report: Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn reported on the seeding of the area Gregory Contractors is responsible for. Mr. Gregory was receptive to the idea of handling this as a change order and reducing his contract amount by \$5,700. Mr. Gregory provided a proposal from a landscaper he contacted, and Buchart-Horn received a proposal from Hively Landscaping, both estimates were within a couple dollars of each other. This change order would delete this work from Gregory's punch list; the work is from manhole #4 to manhole #13. *Charles Krall made the motion to accept Change Order #5 for Gregory Contractors with a deduction of \$5,700; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried unanimously.*** *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept Hively's proposal of July 7, for the work to be done in the fall of this year; for \$5,688, to correct the work of Gregory Contractors; pending Pennvest's approval of the change order; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Bruce continued his report about the electrical problems at the wastewater treatment plant. He stated both MetEd and Aqua-Aerobic have installed power analyzers, and have been monitoring the power source. Also, next week Kohl Brother's has scheduled training for the guys on the Chlorine Analyzers. He also reported that EK Services has done the seeding for the areas they disturbed. Bruce presented the information on the land areas surrounding the wells for the SOC waiver. The Authority will need to do a survey of the farms within a half mile radius to collect information on pesticides and herbicides that are distributed on the farm land.

Chairman Mummert mentioned the problem of locating the water lines when the guys were fixing the hydrant on W. King Street. It was mentioned that when the time comes it may be possible to rent a line locator. Charles Eisenhart questioned Bruce whether the well project is completed yet. Bruce stated the well project is near completion and that next week Kohl Bros. would in for work on Wells 2 & 4. Charles Krall suggested that the residents on Schoolhouse Lane be informed on the seeding schedule by Hively.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported the Borough Solicitor, Tim Shultis, is proposing he and Solicitor Battersby join forces to collect revenues from Earl Brown. Solicitor Battersby explained the situation and the legal actions that can be executed. *Charles Krall made the motion to take formal legal action and co-ordinate with the Borough against Earl Brown; with a second by John O'Brien. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Concerning Reading Twp.; Solicitor Battersby stated he has heard nothing yet. He also discussed the Exhibit A of the agreement presented to Reading Twp. about the 300 gallons per EDU. It was stated it was approved at an earlier meeting. Mr. Richards questioned the 300 gallons per EDU; Solicitor Battersby stated we are negotiating. He continued, Reading Twp. is an outside entity, and they wouldn't bring in Laughman's Bottom. There is a possibility the Authority would have to adopt a new resolution. A discussion continued on the solicitor contacting Department of Environmental Protection about the regionalization of sewer plants and the possibility of Laughman's Bottom and Conewago Park connecting to the East Berlin sewer treatment plant. *The motion was made by David Richards to instruct Solicitor Battersby to send a letter to DEP pertaining to Laughman's Bottom and Conewago Park connecting to the East Berlin*

sewer treatment plant; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.** Charles Krall mentioned the letter concerning Mr. Kesselring and suggested we encourage him to take a more active role with his neighbors to get their issues addressed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported \$14,960.17 in delinquent accounts, six accounts were sent to the district justice. The auditor's report for 2010 was distributed and will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Eisenhart commented on the amended copy of the budget showing the increase in the water and sewer rates. A discussion was held on the comments the Board members received when the billing went out. David Richards questioned how the capital reserve accounts identify the fixed charges. Charles Eisenhart stated he went over this with the auditor and the fund is identified as what it is used for. David Richards stated the money that is collected as a capital fee ^{can only be} used for capital expense fees. David Richards commented on reviewing the accounts against the budget and this is an interim tracking relation to the budget. *A motion was made by Robert Clayton to accept the Treasurer's report as current status of the budget and the rates; with a second by John O'Brien.* Charles Eisenhart explained he only adjusted the amounts in the income level that the Board approved. A roll call vote was taken: D Richards-No, R Clayton-Yes; J O'Brien-Yes; C Krall-No; and G Mummert-Yes. Tally: 3-Yes's and 2-No's. **Motion carried.** Charles Krall explained his vote. He stated there was no need to accept a report. Robert Clayton stated that as the Treasurer, Mr. Eisenhart is submitting to the Board his report, and the Board is accepting the Treasurer's word.

New Business: Chairman Mummert explained the sludge hauling report from a previous meeting. He stated he was given information about the sludge hauling. He was just stating that we would continue with our current hauler and he felt the expenses were not out of line.

Chairman Mummert reported on the hydrant flushing and it is posted on the map on the wall in the other room, and all members have a copy of that schedule. It was suggested to inform the newspaper about the flushing schedule. The Board discussed the flushing of the hydrant and the dry weather, the consensus of the Board was to suspend the flushing from July through September.

Old Business: Chairman Mummert reported seven homes on Schoolhouse Lane are now connected to our water and sewer services.

David Richards brought up about getting an electrical contract. There was a discussion on checking other supplier's rates.

David Richards discussed breaking out the costs and revenues of the delinquent accounts. The secretary explained the district justice costs and how they are added to the accounts and divided between the water and sewer accounts. Solicitor Battersby continued to explain the district magistrate fees and the secretary showed Mr. Richards an actual district magistrate form.

Chairman Mummert reported the wells are pumping OK, but the usage of water should be monitored. It was suggested that the Authority request a notice be put on the Borough community board that the residents voluntarily conserve water.

Correspondence:

- Received a copy of a letter Reading Twp Municipal Authority sent to Ron Kesselring
- David Richards email concerning items for Thursday 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 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannelore B. Furst,
Secretary EBAJA