

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

103 Locust Street
East Berlin, PA 17316

October 7, 2010

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on October 7, 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; David Richards; and John O'Brien.

Also Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Deepthi Kayanam of Buchart-Horn; Michael Wallen and his daughter.

Minutes: *John O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of September 2, 2010 with a second by Robert Clayton. David Richards presented changes to the minutes: change the word some in the solicitor's report where David Richards presented for consideration some changes; to many and add many to the rest of the Solicitor's report where Mr. Richards presented changes. He also added under Treasurer's report the sentence: After the acceptance of the Authority's MMO Pension plan; Mr. Richards requested details of the pension plan to be presented at the October meeting. The motion was amended by John O'Brien with a second by Robert Clayton to correct the minutes as noted with Mr. Richards' additions. Motion carried.*

Side Note: Mr. Richards received copies of the Pension information after the October 7th meeting.

Payment of Bills: *John O'Brien moved to pay the bills for September, 2010 in the amount of \$24,274.32; with a second by Robert Clayton. All members received a copy of bills and receipts for September. Mr. Richards questioned the expense of the tractor tire repair; and made mention that both tractor tires are worn and should be considered to be replaced. It was mentioned that when the tire was repaired, the company damaged the fender on the tractor and would be paying for the repairs. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.*

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

No public comment.

Engineer's Report:

Deepthi Kayanam of Buchart-Horn, Inc. reported on the Pennvest audit, and everything went well. She also stated she has 2 change orders: one for Johnston Construction which is an \$800 credit. *Charles Krall made the motion to accept the change order, with a second by Robert Clayton. Motion approved.* The second change order was for Garden Spot Electrical for a time extension. *Robert Clayton made the motion to accept the time extension for the second change order, with a second by Charles Krall. Motion approved.*

Ms. Kayanam mentioned the alarm system quote of \$3,900.00 for the chemical tank, which would help in avoiding spills. *Robert Clayton made the motion to purchase the alarm for the chemical tank; with a second by John O'Brien. Motion carried.*

Ms. Kayanam reported on the possible oxygenation testing and they are considering accepting alternate documentation. This would help with the progress of the schedule; by one month; and the similar reports would produce a credit of \$15,000.00 for not doing the testing and relying on the alternate reports. *Robert Clayton made the motion to do the alternate testing with a second by David Richards. A brief discussion was held discussing the guarantee of the work. Motion carried.*

Deepthi Kayanam also reported all permits have been obtained for the Groundwater Rule project, except the Borough street excavation permit. She will check this out. *Robert Clayton made the motion to proceed to put the Groundwater Rule Project out for bids; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion approved.*

Ms. Kayanam continued by requesting a revised resolution for the Virus Inactivation and Asbestos Cement Ripe Replacement Project. *John O'Brien made the motion to accept Resolution 2010-8 requesting*

*\$611,053.33 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Virus Inactivation and Asbestos Cement Pipe Replacement Project; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion carried.***

She also reported that Group Hanover Inc. (GHI) should have sent the plats; receipt of the plats was acknowledged by the solicitor. The well permits have been extended according to Act 46.

Charles Krall questioned the timeline for the water main replacement on Water Street project. It was stated that it should be completed by November. Mr. Krall also questioned the expenses that Authority has incurred fixing all the breaks that have occurred. Solicitor Battersby suggested Bruce Hulshizer have a meeting with the contractor to address the concerns of the Water Street residents. Chairman Mummert stated he has reports of the incidents and the timeframe.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported he has not received any information from Reading Township. He also reported there will be no grant money distributed until after the election. Solicitor Battersby stated he will have the legal description for CW Test Buttercup Farm easements ready next week. David Richards requested a detail work report from McNees, Wallace, and Nurick. Solicitor Battersby stated he would contact Mr. Dougherty of McNees, Wallace, and Nurick to see if he can attend the Authority's next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported the Pennvest audit went rather well, and they were please with the financials. He also reported the \$150,000.00 that was borrowed from the water fund (\$25,000 from MMA 2/11/09; \$75,000 from water checking acct 9/14/09; and \$50,000 from water checking acct. 12/2/09) is almost all paid back. Concerning the delinquent accounts, four or five were sent to the District Justice and all but one has paid. Mr. Eisenhart stated the board will be working on the budget at the next meeting.

New Business: Robert Clayton mentioned the fire company brought up at a council meeting their concerns on the fire hydrants. It was suggested the fire company address the Authority and not the Borough Council about their concerns. The Authority will invite the head personnel at the fire company to a meeting. There was a brief discussion about attaching locator poles to the fire hydrants for easy sighting during snow storms.

Chairman Mummert mentioned the pre bid meeting for the water system improvements will be on October 28, 2010 at the Authority office and the bid opening will be November 16, 2010 at Buchart-Horn's office.

Charles Krall asked how the employees should be contacted in case of emergency situations such as the leaks on Water Street. It was stated the board members will receive the cell phone numbers and the schedule as to who they should call.

Old Business: Charles Krall reported there are 3 meters installed for the pilot program. He also reported that PA Rural Water will be contacting the Authority at the end of October or beginning of November.

Correspondence:

- PA Municipal Authorities Assn Region 4 Fall Conference
- Sprinkler systems-new homes-Matt explained

Comments: None

The members were reminded the next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 103 Locust Street, 7 PM. *Having no further business to discuss; a motion was made by Charles Krall to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM; with a second by Robert Clayton. **Motion Carried.***

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman EBAJA

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, EBAJA Secretary