

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
128 WATER STREET
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

Special Meeting

DECEMBER 17, 2008

The special meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Gerald L. Mummert, Charles Eisenhart, Gregory Green, John Lerew, and John O'Brien.
Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn; T. Michael Thoman, Plant Operator; Secretary Hannelore Furst; Michael Wallen, Jr.; and Crystal Topper.

The purpose of the special meeting was to adopt the 2009 budget and finalize any issues between the Borough and the Authority.

Chairman Mummert reported the Water Fund budget for 2009 was \$188,500.00 in revenues and \$188,500.00 in expenses; and the Sewer Fund is \$383,500.00 in revenues and \$383,500.00 in expenses. ***A motion was made by Gregory Green to accept the Water and Sewer Funds budget for 2009. A second was made by John O'Brien. Motion carried with no dissenting vote.***

Solicitor Battersby stated he has not received any response from the Borough concerning the lease agreement with the authority. He asked the Authority members if they wanted to maintain the current arrangement or make other arrangements. ***Charles Eisenhart made the motion for the Authority to move to another location and the motion had a second from Gregory Green.*** There was a discussion concerning that there was nothing stating exactly what the Borough wanted. They have not given the authority any dollar amount as far as the leasing of the office and equipment. It was mentioned that the whole process preceded the new council, but since then, all there has been is disruption, and all their concerns would be answered by a separation. John Lerew stated there were some flaws in the agreement, and it probably should have been corrected. The working group (John Lerew, Charles Eisenhart, David Richards, and David Woodward) tried their best to work things out together; and it would have been a good thing for the people of East Berlin, but they ruined it. John Lerew also stated that is with great reluctance that he agrees there should be a separation. ***With no further discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimous that the Authority finds another place to rent.***

Chairman Mummert reported that Tucker Industrial Liquid Coatings has space available, immediately at his new facility. The space is 897 square feet, the electric and water is included for \$650 a month. The lease is a month to month lease with a 60 day notice if you decide to vacate. Arrangements could be made to check out the space. The discussion continued.

Charles Eisenhart made the motion to authorize Chairman Mummert to sign a lease agreement with Tucker Industrial Liquid Coatings and Gregory Green seconds the motion. Motion carried with all voting in favor of.

It was suggested to send Mr. Richards a letter to meet at a designated date and time to start dividing the equipment and make a formal inventory list with members of council and the authority.

Charles Eisenhart made a motion authorizing the Plant Operator to handle getting furniture and setting up an office with a dollar limit of \$8,000.00. Gregory Green seconds the motion. Motion carried with all voting in favor of.

Having no further business to discuss Charles Eisenhart made a motion to adjourn with John O'Brien's second. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannelore Furst, EBAJA Secretary