

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET / PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

December 1, 2022

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held December 1, 2022 at 103 Locust St., East Berlin, PA. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Krall. Chairman Krall opened the meeting at 7pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Members Present: C. Krall, R. Weidner, W. Staub, G. Green, R. Teal

Members Absent:

Also Present: Matthew Battersby, Diana Young, Harold Lau, Melissa Earp, Nathan Boyer

Guests:

Agenda: A motion was made by G. Green to accept the agenda for December 1, 2022 board meeting as written, with a second by R. Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of November 3, 2022 as written, with a second by R. Teal. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.**

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for November 2022, totaling **\$44,928.23** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by G. Green to pay the November 2022 bills with a second from R. Weidner. **Motion carried.**

Public / Guest Comment: none

Engineer's Report:

- The contractor is still waiting on delivery of the new hatch. Once received, it will be installed and the final punch list items will be addressed. The value of the punch list is estimated to be \$6,000.00. Retainage on the contract is \$39,801.00.
- Delivered copies of the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion study for board consideration. The study found they could increase maximum flow to 0.5 MGD for a cost of \$841,888.00. This price includes: mobilization, site work, demolition & landfilling of existing equipment, new equipment, programming, installation labor, commissioning, training, and field visits.
- BH was granted permission to access the online application for the SRBC renewals. Based on an initial review of the application, there appears to be a requirement to do some geologic studies and provide reports sealed by a professional geologist. BH will further investigate the application requirements.

Solicitor's Report:

- At the previous meeting, EBAJA agreed to enlist the services of Aspire Grant Development, LLC out of Somerset County. With their assistance, EBAJA was able to submit a grant application with the Adams Response and Recovery Fund through Adams County Economic Development Committee requesting more than two million dollars for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and the Rte 94 water and sewer extension.
- Presented two resolutions needed to be passed in order to apply for grants offered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority for system improvements and infrastructure. Motion was made by R. Teal with a second from G. Green to pass the resolution to apply for \$500,000.00 for the sewer system. **Motion carried.** A motion was made by R. Teal with a second from G. Green to apply for \$500,000.00 for the water system. **Motion carried.**

- Will attempt to make an appointment with Commissioner Phiel to discuss proposed improvements.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance: \$25,491.70
- Presented proposed 2023 budget for review. The proposed budget includes a recommendation for a .50/1000 gallon increase for water service. Members have until January 5, 2023 to review.

Secretary's Report:

- Presented an email from SRBC representative regarding the SRBC renewal of Well#7 and subsequent development. If the permit is renewed, the well would need to be developed within three years. SRBC advised that the aquifer testing for this well does not expire, so EBAJA could let the permit lapse and reapply at a later time with no penalty. G. Green made a motion to table the development of Well #7 indefinitely with a second by R. Weidner. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business:

- A proposal for the PLC upgrade was received from Wy Electric. A motion was made by G. Green to accept the bid for the long term package (work to be scheduled in the spring) in the amount of \$43,520.00, with a second by R. Weidner. All members were then asked to vote. All answered in the affirmative. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Hamilton township representative R. Weidner's term will expire the final day of 2022. He advised he is expected to be reappointed at the December 2022 meeting of Hamilton Township supervisors.
- Nathan was instructed to purchase led light bulbs for the conference room.

Operator's Report:

- Replaced failed VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) at Well #6

Correspondence: none

Executive Session: none

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Weidner and seconded by R. Teal. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held **January 5, 2022** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 pm.
