

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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July 7, 2022

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held July 7, 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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Matthew Battersby, Diana Young, Harold Lau, John Scrivens, Melissa Earp,

Guests: Robbie Teal, Martin Eichelberger

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the agenda for July 7, 2022 board meeting as written, with a second by W. Staub. **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of June 2, 2022 as written, with a second by G. Green. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.**

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for June 2022, totalling **\$31,065.16** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by R. Weidner to pay the bills June 2022 with a second from W. Staub. **Motion carried.**

Public / Guest Comment: Martin Eichelberger, a customer of EBAJA, asked for financial relief and courteous consideration of his current situation. The board listened to his appeal and asked that he return to the August, 2022 meeting with specifics on what he is able to pay. Secretary will gather account information for the board to review.

Engineer's Report:

- A punch list was developed for the water tank project. Invoices from the Authority were received that should be applied against the contract. BH has prepared Change Order No 3 for the Authority's signature to subtract those items from the contract. Applications for Payment No. 2 & No. 3 were received from the contractor. BH recommends paying Application No. 2 in the amount of \$34,110.00. Application for payment No. 3 will be changed to reflect CO No. , retaining 1.5 times the value of the punch-list items, if any remain at the time the revised application is submitted. Contractor is currently disputing one invoice for the Water Tower Antenna.

A motion was made by G. Green to accept Change Order #3, with a second by R. Weidner. **Motion carried** to accept the change order; Chairman Krall signed.

A motion was made by G. Green to accept a revised change to CO 3# in the event that the dispute over the antenna invoice is deemed to be valid, with a second by W. Staub. **Motion carried.** Chairman Krall signed in the event the CO is needed.

A motion was made by W. Staub to pay application #2 in the amount of \$34,110.00, leaving a residual balance of \$39,801.00. The motion was seconded by R. Weidner. Chairman Krall called for a roll call vote. All answered in the affirmative. **Motion carried.**

- Attended meeting with West King St. Apartment Complex representative to discuss tapping fee.
- Nathan Boyer asked for her assistance with the SRBC Permit Renewal for Wells 6 & 7. G. Green made a motion to allow BH to assist with the renewal process. R. Weidner seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Solicitor's Report:

- Attended meeting with West King St. Apartment Complex representative to discuss tapping fee.
- Presented a clarification to an existing resolution covering rates, which resulted in a small language amendment. A motion was made by G. Green to accept Resolution 2-2022 and Resolution 3-2022. R. Weidner seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance of \$259,006.12

Secretary's Report:

- Quarterly bills were sent out July 1, 2022

Unfinished Business:

- Schaedler Yesco rescinded their proposal for the Control Panel Automation upgrade. Solicitor Battersby asked for the contracts, and will appeal on behalf of EBAJA to SYD to honor the contracted proposal.

New Business:

- G. Green made a motion to authorize Buchart Horn to work on a proposal on increasing the capacity at the WWTP through minor upgrades to the blower system. W. Staub seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- During a meeting with the King St. Apartment complex, an appeal was made by the developer, Eric Johnston of Johnston & Associates, to reconsider the tapping fee charge, due to the nature of the development. Chairman Krall and Solicitor Battersby subsequently asked the board to accept final payment from Johnston & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$85,896.00. A motion was made by G. Green to accept said payment, with a second from R. Weidner. Chairman Krall asked for a roll-call vote. All members voted in the affirmative. **Motion Carried.**

Operator's Report:

- Fire Hydrant at 204 East King St. was replaced June 9th after it was damaged during flushing.
- Replaced pressure relief valve and back pressure valve & diaphragm on ferric chloride pump at WWTP.
- Fixed pump #2 at Park Rd. lift station because it kept getting air bound.
- Tires were replaced on the Ford F-250
- Met with Todd Seeman from Zwingli and a representative from Gingerich Excavating to plan and price the Zwingli U.C.C. / house split. Plan is to tie water line from the front of church & then run sewer line through the back of the house and tie into existing manhole on Fourth St.
- Will be painting fire hydrants, then will start exercising main shut off valves by the end of July.
- Fire Hydrant flushing has been completed.

Listed in priority order, the following hydrants need to be repaired or replaced:

1. Hydrant #1 by Zeigler Mill; works but needs to be replaced.
2. Hydrant #19 between Walnut St. and Locust St. is cross threaded & hydrant needs to be replaced.
3. Hydrant #45 at Jacobs Court leaks from everywhere, but still works.
4. Hydrant #39 Locust St. by office is tight when opening and closing.
5. Hydrant #47 by VFW leaks from cap but works well.
6. Hydrant #8 on West King St near Mason's works well, but needs a shorter barrel.
7. Hydrant #23 on Harrisburg St. leaks from the bonnet but works well.
8. Hydrant #62 on Twig Terrace leaks from the bonnet but works well.

Correspondence: Members individually received correspondence from D. Richards of Maryland. No discussion was held.

Executive Session: Chairman Krall called for an executive session to discuss sensitive financial information at 7:34. The board emerged from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Weidner and seconded by G. Green. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held **August 4, 2022** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 pm.

Charles Krall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Earp, Secretary