

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

June 5, 2024

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held June 5, 2024 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: Chairman C. Krall, Vice Chairman R. Weidner, G. Green, R. Teal, W. Staub

Members Absent:

Also Present: Diana Young, Melissa Earp, Treasurer, H. Lau

Guests:

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the agenda for June 5, 2024 board meeting as written, with a second by W. Staub. **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

Minutes: A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the minutes of May 2, 2024 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 May 2024, totaling **\$35,211.63** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by G. Green to pay the May 2024 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment:

Chairman's Address to the Board: Chairman Krall asked to be replaced as Chairman. R. Weidner made a motion to appoint G. Green as Chairman of the Board with a second from W. Staub. Motion carried. G. Green's appointment will begin with the next meeting scheduled July 11, 2024, where he will preside as Chairman of the Board and B. Krall will revert back to a member of the board. B. Krall asked that members begin the process of finding a replacement for his seat on the board since his term ends December 2024 and he will not accept another appointment.

Engineer's Report:

- Continuing to work on the planning documents that will need to be approved by the PADEP for the WWTP Expansion and Sewer Extension.
- Readdressed the plan that was presented at the May 2024 meeting for the water and sewer line extension south on Rte 194 toward Weis Market. The board held off on signing the contract until they were sure the grant could not be amended to address other pressing infrastructure issues. The Engineer and Attorney advised the projects associated with the grant cannot be altered, so signing of the contract with Buchart Horn moved forward. The cost to BH for proposal design and fitting services for the project is \$69,898.00. The Treasurer asked if the grant would help pay that fee. Both the engineer and attorney answered in the affirmative. G. Green made a motion to accept the planning and proceed with the project with a second from R. Weidner. Due to the nature of the project, Chairman Krall asked for a roll call vote. All members voted in the affirmative. **Motion Carried.**

Solicitor's Report:

- Fire hydrants are public property, if someone wants to buy one the authority will need to put in an ad in the classifieds for bids to be collected.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance: \$27,325.20. One sent to the district magistrate.

Secretary's Report:

- GMS Funding asked for an updated project schedule.
- Spoke with the grant people; anything to do with the grant will need to be fully bid out, including the generator.
- There is some wiggle room to amend the scope of work on the PA grant, but none on the County grant.
- The PLC Upgrade which was completed in October at a cost of \$43,520.00 does not qualify for reimbursement from either of the grants. It was requested in the state grant, but the grant was awarded after the work was completed, making the project ineligible. Although the cost estimate was included in the WWTP expansion plans submitted with the county grant application, the project itself was not specifically requested, rendering it also ineligible for reimbursement.

Unfinished Business:

- Generator – will need to be fully bid out
- Exeter Inflow and Infiltration Detection Device – on hold indefinitely. With no plan to replace the deteriorating lines, there is no need to use the inflow and infiltration detection device.

New Business: n/a

Operator's Report:

- Replaced the LMI Chemical feed pump at Well #6
- Fire Hydrants were flushed and painted. Four hydrants need to be replaced, Two need to be repaired
 - Hydrant #39 by the Locust St office needs to be replaced
 - Hydrant #19 Abbottstown St by Walnut St needs to be replaced
 - Hydrant #1 by Zeigler's Mill should be replaced
 - Hydrant #47 near EB VFW should be replaced
 - Hydrant #23 by Feiser Funeral home needs to be repaired
 - Hydrant #62 Twig Terrace needs to be repaired

G. Green made a motion to replace Hydrant #39 and fix the seals on #23 & #62 with a second from **R. Weidner**. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Green and a second by W. Staub. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 7:30 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **July 11, 2024** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.