

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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May 2, 2024

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held May 2, 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,

Members Absent: W. Staub

Also Present: Diana Young, Melissa Earp, Treasurer, H. Lau, Nathan Boyer, Roberta Teal via Speaker Phone

Guests: Greg Zartman, Exeter Supply

Agenda: A motion was made by G. Green to accept the agenda for May 2, 2024 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 April 4, 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 April 2024, totaling **\$44,169.38** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by G. Green to pay the April 2024 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: Greg Zartman from Exeter presented an Inflow and Infiltration Detection device which is easily installed in a manhole and will assist in pinpointing problem areas within the system. The device will collect data related to wastewater levels in relation to weather events which is then pushed to a cloud service where the data is then automatically analyzed, interpreted, and displayed via animated videos, reports and graphs. Cost for the service is \$2625 for each device plus \$528.00 annual fee for the analytical data. Initial cost would be \$9459.00 for three devices and one year of analytical data, and then an ongoing annual fee of \$1584.00 for the data retrieval after the first year. The board thanked him for his presentation and will consider the proposal. Chairman Krall advised to place the subject under Unfinished Business to be reviewed at the June 2024 meeting.

Engineer's Report:

- Continuing to work on the planning documents that will need to be approved by the PADEP for the WWTP Expansion. Started conversations with Aqua Aerobics and conducted a site visit.
- Prepared and presented a proposal for design of the water and sewer extension on Rte 194 related to the ARRF and ARPA grants. The cost charged to the Authority by Buchart Horn for the design plans and services will be \$69,898.00.

G. Green made a motion to accept the proposal and have Buchart Horn move forward with the water/sewer main 1500 ft extension to Weis Market. The motion was not seconded.

R. Weidner voiced concern over extending lines that will not currently benefit the Authority, especially since the WWTP is regularly dealing with excessive inflow and infiltration related to weather events and old leaky service lines. He suggested the money would be better spent repairing the existing failing infrastructure instead of creating more lines. The most recent estimate for the WWTP Expansion is from December 2022 at a cost of \$841,888.00, which will leave approximately 850,000.00 in grant money for the service line extension. The treasurer has advised against borrowing money for any projects. R. Weidner made a motion to table acting on the design work for the water and sewer extension project until it can be determined if the scope of work in the

grant requests can be amended to include repairing existing, failing sewer lines. G. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried to postpone and move the plan to unfinished business until the next meeting.

Solicitor's Report:

- Absent

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance: \$42,847.53

Secretary's Report:

The accountant's concluded the audit and the reports should be available within the next few weeks.

Unfinished Business:

- Generator – need to determine if the Authority can purchase a generator from a COSTARS vendor or if they will still need to acquire three or more bids/estimates to satisfy any requirements of the grant. The Authority was awarded up to \$89,900 (with matching funds) from the Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA – Water Supply grant for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Branch Circle Pump Station.
- CivicPlus Notification system – tabled.

New Business: n/a

Operator's Report:

- Paving was completed on Beaver St and Lodge Lane
- Fire Hydrant was replaced on Abbottstown St. This caused some residents to experience loss of positive pressure, so they were placed under a Boil Water Advisory per DEP rules and regulations.
- Started flushing and repainting the hydrants (should be finished by May 10, 2024).
- Jacob St. sewer main is 1709 feet long.

Correspondence: none

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Weidner and a second by G. Green. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 8:15 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **June 6, 2024** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.