

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

May 4, 2023

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held May 4, 2023 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, R. Teal, G. Green

Members Absent:

Also Present: Solicitor Battersby, Diana Young, Melissa Earp, John Scrivens, Treasurer, H. Lau

Guests:

Agenda: A motion was made by G. Green to accept the agenda for May 4, 2023 board meeting as written, with a second by R. Teal. **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of April 6, 2023 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 2023, totaling **\$21,342.34** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by R. Teal to pay the April 2023 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment:

Engineer's Report:

- Since the grant money will be used to expand the WWTP, contacted Aqua Aerobics requesting an updated proposal.
- Contacted DEP to begin discussions concerning planning approvals that will be necessary for submitting a Water Quality Management Permit.
- State grant is expected to announce awardees in July.

Solicitor's Report:

- Received notice from the firm of Schell and Post regarding York Water's plans for supplying water to Pine Run Retirement Community.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance of : \$35,757.90
- Truist Bank is offering CD rates at 4.21% for seven (7) months. Treasurer recommended EBAJA move 200k from Water Capital Reserve and 300k from Sewer Capital Reserve to gain 4.21% interest for seven months. (Currently earn 1% at ACNB). G. Green made a motion to accept the recommendation and allow *Treasurer, H. Lau* to temporarily move the funds to Truist in order to take advantage of the interest rate, with a second from R. Teal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

- The account at 324 Locust St. has been paid in full. The leak on the property has been repaired, but they are still in need of a check valve.

- Torren Ecker's office received a call from a resident of Jacobs Street, East Berlin disgruntled with their water bill. Resident threatened to hire a lawyer to fight the billing practice. Ecker's office took note of the EBAJA rate structure and advised the secretary that they always take the side of the municipality. Resident in question is currently delinquent, and has not ever been consistent in regards to paying his bill.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Operator's Report:

- Started flushing hydrants
- Started the wall and ceiling project at Well #1
- Shared a packet detailing DEP's Service Line Inventory plan for the board to review before the June meeting. DEP is requiring a service line inventory to be completed by October 16, 2024. The purpose is to track a systems progress to full lead service line replacement. A complete and accurate service line inventory is the first step to compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule Revised. The focus is to find the lead and galvanized service lines that require replacement, targeting the most vulnerable areas of the system.
- Provided a quote for a Gap Vac (\$61,646.00) which will be needed to complete the DEP required service line inventory. The board discussed renting a Gap Vac or sharing one with a neighboring municipality (who will also be under a deadline to complete the service line inventory). An alternative would be to hire an excavator such as Gingerich to do the work the Gap Vac would be used to complete. Discussion tabled until the June meeting.

Correspondence:

Executive Session: n/a

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held **June 1, 2023** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 pm.
