

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
January 5, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held January 5, 2017 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316, and was conducted by Chairman Gerald L. Mummert. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

Members Present: Gerald L. Mummert; Charles Krall; Rick Saxon; Harold Lau; and Ron Weidner.

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; John Scrivens; Roberta Teal; and David Richards.

Absent: Solicitor Battersby and Nathan Boyer

Minutes: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the minutes of December 1, 2016 as written; with a second by Harold Lau. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for December 2016, for a total of \$29,840.74 from the operational funds and the bills were paid with the Chairman's or Treasurer's authorization as approved at December's meeting.

Public/Guest Comment: Andrew Dehoff of SRBC, thanked the members that attended the seminar in November. He wanted to verify the Board received the Notice of Violation (Past due bill) and his correspondence of the Metering & Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Plan. Chairman Mummert responded about the violation letter that Solicitor Battersby is working with Representatives Tallman and Moul on this. Andrew Dehoff stated he did receive a response from Representative Moul.

Charles Krall asked if Mr. Dehoff he has received interest in the steering committee he was creating. Mr. Dehoff stated he has a few and there is room for more. Charles Krall asked the Board if there would have a problem if he were to volunteer to be on the steering committee. The consensus of the Board was that it would be a good idea to have someone from a smaller authority on the steering committee.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported she contacted Aqua-Aerobic concerning the capacity of the sewer plant if Reading Township would connect 160 homes. The sewer plant can handle up to 330,000 gallons per day (0.33MGD), that is the maximum gallons. The Authority does not have to redo the Act 537 Plan, they would have to amend it with a Part 2 Plan; the sewer plant would need to be rerated from 243,000 gallons per day (0.24MGD) to 330,000 gallons per day (0.33MGD); once this is done then the Authority can accept the 160 EDU's of Reading Township. There would be additional 130 EDU's available for future connections. She recommends keeping the 300 gallons per day per EDU as per the Act 537 Plan. She sent Solicitor Battersby scenarios of the tapping fees as he requested; and still recommends keeping the tapping fee at \$5,128.00. She also questioned if the Reading Township 160 accounts were all residential; and told it was all residential. Deepthi stated the agreement has to be revised and she will send her marked copy to Solicitor Battersby. Once Reading Township verifies they are connecting then Deepthi will contact DEP and submit the Part 2 Amendment. There has been no correspondence from Reading Township yet; and probably won't hear anything until April or May. There was brief discussion on tapping fee reduction, and how many lots in the Borough were still undeveloped and would need EDU's for.

Deepthi asked if the Authority wanted her to prepare the annual Chapter 110 and Chapter 94 reports. *Ron Weidner made the motion to authorize Deepthi to prepare the Chapter 110 and Chapter 94 Reports with a second by Harold Lau. Motion carried.*

Deepthi also mentioned that the SCADA annual subscription fee from LogMeln has been paid by Buchart-Horn, Inc. and they would like to be reimbursed for 2015 (\$99.00) and 2016 (\$149.00) for a total of \$248.00. *Ron Weidner made the motion to reimburse Buchart-Horn, Inc for the SCADA subscription fee; with a second by Harold Lau. Motion carried.*

The Buchart-Horn, Inc proposal for Reading Township work is for \$4,900.00. It was mentioned this bill should be forwarded to Reading Township. Ron Weidner mentioned any cost for them to connect to our facility should be their expense. The Authority would not be doing any work associated with this cost if it weren't for their interest in our facility. There was a brief discussion to pay the bill and forward to Reading Twp to reimburse the Authority. *Ron Weidner made the motion to pay the bill and forward to Reading Twp for reimbursement; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Deepthi stated that if Reading Twp does connect to our facilities the Authority should think about the waste water infiltration of sump pumps and downspouts. She contacted Mr. Rehab about the smoke testing and would be forwarding that email to Charles Krall. The Board decided to have a work session to plan which area to start with, before contacting the company. In our Ordinance #2-2010; section 10 there is a clause stating "no owner of property shall be permitted to discharge into the wastewater system any storm water drainage, sump pump discharge or roof run off."

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby was absent. Chairman Mummert mentioned Solicitor Battersby has not heard from the Widdowson's.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 14 delinquent accounts for a total of \$6550.34 before the recent quarterly bill was sent out. Mr. Lau presented the preliminary 2017 budget at December's meeting for a final vote at this meeting. *By a roll call vote all members voted YES.* **Motion carried** for the approval of the 2017 Budget; Water Revenues of \$345,725.00; Water Expenses of \$205,425.00; Sewer Revenues of \$534,500.00 and Sewer Expenses of \$242,574.00; which also included a 2% pay increase for the full time employees.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported Munford/Bjorkman Assoc., Inc. were contacted about the tank inspection for a price of \$3,500.00 and they will be scheduling that in the spring. Hanna also reported that as of January 6, 2017 she is semi-retired and will continue to work part-time. The office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM. Closed Mondays and Fridays. The residents were notified in their quarterly billing.

Unfinished Business: As mentioned above the Board has decided to have a work session on February 9, 2017 at 1 PM.

New Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Absent.

John Scrivens – Reported 2 water leaks in town; in front of the pharmacy on West King Street, and across from L & L Ford on Harrisburg Street.

Correspondence: None

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Rick Saxon.* **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting will be held February 2, 2017 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA Respectfully submitted