

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
January 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held January 8, 2015 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 7PM.

Members Present: Gerald L. Mummert; Ronald Weidner; Rick Saxon; and Charles Krall

Members Absent: Robert Clayton

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Robbie Teal; Nathan Boyer and John Scrivens.

Chairman Mummert announced Charles Krall has been re-appointed for a five year term of the Authority Board by the East Berlin Borough Council. Mr. Krall's term will run Jan 2015 thru Dec 2019.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of December 4, 2014; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the December 2014 bills and receipts; the bills totaled \$21,441.53 from the operational funds which were preapproved to pay at December's meeting by Chairman Mummert for the end of the year.

Public Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn reported Well #5 pump testing began on January 6, 2015 and will end January 9, 2015. They also met with SRBC representative Brooks Abeln on Dec 15, 2014. Brooks no longer works for SRBC, so Brent Baumer took over, and there was a lot of communications between Brent and Teresa Blauch to get him informed about the testing. Teresa Blauch wrote a response letter to SRBC concerning the pumping violations (letter from SRBC dated 12/9/14) associated with the well testing; even though Bruce Hulshizer had previously informed SRBC with an email on 9/16/14 of the potential of over pumping. There was a brief discussion on this problem. Ms. Kalyanam stated the SRBC report should be done by the end of the month. She also submitted a Pennvest payment request.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby has drafted a letter to Senator Alloway to discuss the SRBC; who controls them and why we are being subjected to these outrageous costs. Solicitor Battersby also reported on releasing some liens; and the carrying of the 6% interest rate.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported on the budget. Everyone received a email containing the proposed budget. Mr. Eisenhart explained the net income is also available. There was some questions about the insurances and salaries. It was mentioned that the Pennvest water loan will be increased in May 2015 when we start to pay on the principle. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the budget as presented with a change to health insurance costs projected with 10% raise in insurance rates and 3% salaries increases; with a second by Rick Saxon. **Motion carried.***

Charles Eisenhart presented Smith, Elliott and Kerns(auditors) engagement letter for 2014 audit in the amount of \$6,875.00. There was a brief discussion, it was mentioned to solicit bids for an auditor for 2015. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the auditors-Smith, Elliott and Kerns price of \$6,875.00 for the 2014 audit; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported Jean Heiningger paid for the sewer line work on 216 East King Street. Also received information from Munilink concerning their billing system. Ms. Furst also reported she received a blank check

from a resident for a past due water & sewer bill; when she called the bank two different times to verify funds there was not enough money there to pay the bill. Solicitor Battersby stated to hold the check and do not alter it.

New Business: Chairman Mummert presented a quote from Quality Wastewater Management for services in 2015. The contract is for \$200 per month for back up water and wastewater operator license and additional work will be billed at \$40 per hour; effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the contract, with a second by Ron Weidner. Motion carried.*

Old Business: The Authority employees took pictures of the trees at the pump house on Beaver Street that Ms. Abnett was concerned about. The pictures were passed around so that the Board could discuss the options. Solicitor Battersby stated the Authority should find out where the property lines are before any work is done. No decision was made at this time. A letter will be sent to Ms. Abnett stating the concerns are still under consideration.

Charles Krall presented informational plans for the video system for the town square (Intersection of King Street, Abbottstown Street and Harrisburg Street). He stated the turn lane placement is off by 4 feet. The Authority will be responsible for approximately 150 feet of repainting of the turn lane lines on West King Street because of the water line construction from a previous year.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nothing.

John Scrivens – Nothing.

Correspondence: Received a fax from East Berlin Borough re-appointing Charles Krall to the Authority board.

PMAA announced the Bidding Thresholds Increase (Effective Jan. 1, 2015)The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2014, is 1.7%. Therefore, beginning on January 1, 2015, the bidding thresholds for municipal authorities will be as follows:

- Purchases and contracts below \$10,500 require no formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations.
- Purchases and contracts between \$10,500 and \$19,400 require three written/telephonic quotations.
- Purchases and contracts over \$19,400 require formal bidding.

Received an email from Stanley Miller-110 Lodge Lane, wants to know about on-line payments? Told him I will check into the fees associated with that

There being no further business, *Ron Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall.* Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM. Next meeting will be held February 5, 2015 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA