

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37  
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316  
MAY 4, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held May 4, 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; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; David Richards.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the minutes of April 6, 2017 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 April 2017 for a total of \$23,730.53 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to approve the paying of the bills for April with a second by Rick Saxon.*

**Motion carried.**

Public/Guest Comment: None

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported DEP mentioned that Reading Twp has until the end of May to decide if they are connecting to EBAJA system or building their own.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby had nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 88 delinquent accounts for a total of \$32,806.22.

Chairman Mummert and Harold Lau went to ACNB and open a new CD of \$10,000 for 13 months at .90%; this money was transferred from the Utility Connection account which would have become a dormant account on May 2, 2017. The bank would charge the Authority a monthly fee for a dormant account.

Harold Lau suggested the Authority close out the Utility Connection account and when we get a new connection that money should be deposited in the respective capital expense accounts. After a brief discussion it was decided to put the remainder of the Utility connection money into another CD. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to open another CD with the \$17,502.21 balance from the Utility Connection account; with a second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.*

Mr. Lau mentioned an article he read in the Gettysburg Times concerning PA American Water filed an application with the PUC requesting an increase in water rates. Mr. Lau mention this increase would be \$17.94 per thousand gallons.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she drafted the letter for the maintenance agreement with Ms. Reigart . The guys plan on raising the manhole on Tuesday.

Unfinished Business: Charles Krall questioned when the smoke testing would be done. The only thing that was mentioned was that Deepthi gave us a quote from Mr. Rehab of 65 cents a linear foot. We will check the Authority magazine for the Co-Star ad for other companies that do smoke testing, to get more quotes.

The water tower inspection was done at the beginning of April, but no report has been received yet. Nathan mention we would be receiving a video of the inspection of the inside the tank. It was mention that according to OSHA regulations the ladder width is too narrow, and railing around the tank needs replaced. There was a discussion whether the Authority needs to be OSHA compliant. Solicitor Battersby will check this out. He also asked Deepthi if she knows if DEP has any standard specs on water towers. She did not, but she would check on that. Nathan believes the water tower was erected 1971.

Harold Lau mentioned we will be sending out the letters to the residents about the excessive handling and treatment of storm water, sump pumps and roof drains in the sewer treatment plant.

Rick Saxon questioned if Tom Parichuk Paving came back with a new quote with the dimensions of the square footage for the 6 areas to be patched. Mr. Parichuk did not re-quote the job yet. Mr. Lau requested we get more quotes. he was told nobody wants to do the small jobs.

New Business: Chairman Mummert mentioned there was a informal meeting between a representative of Weis Markets, and the engineers concerning water and sewer connection and the Authority's requirements.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer –Reported they will start flushing hydrants next week.

John Scrivens –Nothing

Correspondence: None

Charles Krall mentioned the Borough received a letter from DEP and has to appoint a Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO). Solicitor Battersby stated the Borough has KPI's, Mr. Picarelli as their SEO. Mr. Krall requested the secretary inform the Borough secretary of the residents in town that are not connected to the sewer system. There are 5 residents that are not connected to the sewer system. There was a discussion on why they aren't connected. Nobody knows why. John and Nathan will be checking the locations and measuring the distances of the sewage tanks to the sewer mains.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM. Next meeting will be held June 1, 2017 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA