

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
July 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held July 2, 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; Charles Krall; Rick Saxon

Members Absent: Ron Weidner; Robert Clayton

Also Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby; Secretary, Hannelore Furst; Treasurer, Charles Eisenhart; Robbie Teal; Joseph Mazer; Nathan Boyer and John Scrivens.

Robert Clayton resigned effective June 11, 2015; due to health problems. The Authority will choose a replacement according to the Municipal Authority Act for the August meeting.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of June 4, 2015; with a second by Rick Saxon.*

Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for June 2015, the bills totaled \$19,221.17 from the operational funds. *A motion was made by Rick Saxon to pay the bills for June 2015 with a second by Charles Krall.*

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Joseph Mazer, Client Relations Manager for Unified Energy Alliance spoke about the contract we have with Direct Energy. He stated Rod Walter works for Navigate Power and no longer works for Unified Energy Alliance, as of February of this year and the email was redirected to Mr. Mazer. The problem, according to Mr. Mazer, Rod Walter was being deceptive in his sales pitch. Mr. Mazer pointed out sections of the contract and continued reading it. Mr. Mazer explained his company works with Liberty Power exclusively. He continued to give a sales pitch for Liberty Power. Rick Saxon requested Mr. Mazer to calculate the bills according to his company's calculations, which he could not come up with an accurate figure at that moment. He mentioned he would work diligently with the PUC and the suppliers to request waivers for early termination or cancellation of their contract because of the misrepresentation of the product. Mr. Mazer was asked to email or fax the secretary when he does get those calculations. The Board decided to wait and see how the future bills will compare. Mr. Mazer left the meeting. Solicitor Battersby suggested Mr. Mazer put in writing, as an example, his quote as of 7/2/15 for August 2015 start that would be .07151 for 18 months and .07351 for 24 months all inclusive including transmission charges as defined in the contract. It was discussed to contact Rod Walter. The Board decided to wait and see how the future bills will compare. It was decided to stay with Direct Energy.

Engineer's Report: None-Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn is still on vacation.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported Pennwood has paid their sewer connection fee and the interest charges associated with it; and he has released the lien on the property.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Eisenhart reported the 2014 Audit is complete and has been sent to the State; and everyone has a copy. The Audit was advertised. If the Board members have any question they can bring it before the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Eisenhart also stated that Mr. Brown paid on his account.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she received a call from Shannon Toal of Susquehanna Bank about the finalization of the bank merger with BBT Bank; August 1, 2015 is the legal closing date of the merger, and the beginning of November they will begin their software conversion and we will get new account numbers. Our ACH accounts (Pennvest) will be notified by the bank of the change of account numbers.

New Business: Everyone received a copy of the amended By-Laws prior to the meeting thru email; Chairman Mummert asked if there were any questions or changes. Rick Saxon questioned the reason for the changes and was told the Auditors mentioned checking them over. Solicitor Battersby stated it is some housecleaning detail, he didn't see anything wrong with the changes.

Charles Krall made the motion to accept the amended and restated By-Laws as presented; with a second by Rick Saxon.

Motion carried.

Old Business: Chairman Mummert reported that Susquehanna River Basin Commission's (SRBC) annual fee rate changes were received. He also mentioned he is going to ask Representative Will Tallman to address the Board on any updates they have concerning SRBC.

Chairman Mummert also called Bill Meals of Buchart-Horn, Inc. concerning the rates we are charged. He has a meeting set up for July 7, 2015 to discuss the rates.

Chairman Mummert brought to the Board's attention the time frame of the negotiations with Reading Township concerning the connections to our wastewater treatment facility. At the time; it was stated the Authority was going to charge Reading Twp. the same as the Borough residents. Chairman Mummert thinks we should decide before anyone requests connecting to the facility what those fees should be. Charles Krall suggested we should look at our fee structure, to generate additional revenue, without putting any burden on the residents. Chairman Mummert asked Charles Krall and Rick Saxon to work on this for the next three or four months.

Charles Krall mention Keith Hoffman contacted him about Nell's Store on Route 194 in Hamilton Twp. is having problems with their sewer system. He thought if the price was comparable to what they are expected to pay to fix their sand mound sewer system, they could possibly connect to the Authority sewer system instead. If they were to connect to the Authority's system, then the other businesses would be forced to connect also. It was also stated about providing the water supply. There was a brief discussion on this subject.

Charles Krall questioned whether the Authority has heard anything from SRBC on the aquifer testing yet. He was told the report was submitted by Teresa Blauch of Buchart-Horn, Inc., but SRBC has not responded yet. Also, Mr. Ken Young was in the office requesting information on the report. He was not given any information, because SRBC has not responded to the report.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer – Nothing to report

John Scrivens – John mentioned they went to Clara Eisenhart's at 122 Water Street to discuss her complaint about the water flooding her basement/garage. John found the floor drain is connected to the sewer line. He gave her a copy of the Ordinance 2-2010 Section 10, pertaining to discharge restrictions and a time limit to change the line discharging into the sewer. John also reported the Branch Circle pump station had a problem where the contacts went bad and the system did not notify Nathan when the flow got to high. John suggested installing a "chatter box" that will call the operator when the flow reaches a certain level. Nathan will call Control Systems 21 and get their suggestions and pricing.

Correspondence: Susquehanna River Basin Commission's fee schedule for 2015

There being no further business, *Rick Saxon made a motion to adjourn the meeting; with a second by Charles Krall.*

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Next meeting will be held August 6, 2015 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Gerald L. Mummert, Chairman EBAJA

ATTEST:

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA

