

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
August 3, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held August 3, 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; Ron Weidner; Harold Lau; and Charles Krall

Members Absent: Rick Saxon

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; Robbie Teal and David Richards.

Chairman Mummert congratulated Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn for receiving the PA Water Environmental Association (PWEA) Golden Manhole Society Award.

Minutes: Chairman Mummert requested the words "and Reading Twp" be removed from Solicitor's Report, middle of second line. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to accept the minutes of July 6, 2017 as corrected; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as corrected.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for July 2017 for a total of **\$37,259.31** from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for July with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.*** The secretary reported \$45,000 was transferred from the sewer account to the sewer capital reserve account.

Public/Guest Comment: Andrew Dehoff of SRBC presented information on the water loss workshops, and mentioned more workshops are in the making.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported she spoke with Bethany Sweger of DEP about Reading Twp's Act 537 Update which never happened. The last Act 537 Plan for Reading Twp that was submitted to DEP was March 2009. When Bethany took her position at DEP she reviewed the files and found that Act 537 Plan update was never completed and or submitted. Bethany sent correspondence to Reading Twp, requested an update. DEP met with Reading Twp and scheduled a meeting for November 2016 with Reading Twp, Reading Municipal Authority, DEP and EBAJA. January 2017, DEP gave Reading Twp a deadline of April 2017, to submit their update; they got an extension to July 2017. In July 2017, DEP decided to turn this over to their legal department. DEP's legal department will be sending a letter to schedule a meeting. After continued discussion, it was stated we are not in violation with anything and Reading Twp needs the Authority. It was decided to wait until we receive correspondence from DEP before any action would be taken.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported 95 delinquent accounts for a total \$27,859.41 as of 08/3/17.

Secretary's Report:

- Hanna Furst reported the Authority has switched the life insurance from Kansas City Life (\$53.30 a month) to Nationwide Insurance (\$20.14 a month) with more coverage. The Workers Comp insurance was also switched from Webber/Selective Insurance(\$3,927) to H.A.

Thomson/PIRMA(\$3,507) for a savings of \$420. The liability insurance is still being handled by Webber Insurance. Mr. Lau mentioned the liability insurance came down \$2,821 this year.

- The water and sewer account #28793; has been cleared.
- The Board received some energy quotes from Progressive Energy Consultants information ; 36 month term-\$0.05070 fixed rate and 24 month term-\$0.05247 fixed rate and were questioning if the rates were all inclusive. The secretary will contact them to find out. They also received a quote from Rod Walter @ Navigate Power; who is our current broker/supplier with 33 month-\$0.06058 and 24 month-\$0.06194, which the rate is all inclusive. The consensus was to wait until next month; after we find out if Progressive Energy is all inclusive.
- Bruce Hulshizer with HRG Engineering is requesting locations of water lines near the Abbottstown St water tower/ Boyer Drive for his client, on possible connection to the Authority's system. Nathan Boyer will contact Bruce to help him.

Unfinished Business:

- The smoke testing is scheduled for the week of September 5th thru September 8th. The secretary will be sending letters to the residents of East and West King Street and 6th Avenue; informing them of the testing. USG provided a form letter, which the dates will be filled in.
- Charles Krall, Nathan Boyer and Control System 21 representative did an inspection of the Well House. Control System 21 came up with a new quote of \$9,860. Mr. Krall would still like two more quotes. In addition to the electrical work, Mr. Krall would like the two interior walls fixed/replaced; he stated the walls are infested with termites, and needs to be addressed. Mr. Krall and Nathan will be cleaning out the upstairs area. There are no live wiring up there. Mr. Krall suggested other members of the Board should check out the building for their evaluation. The old water line prints in cabinets should be brought to the treatment plant. It was suggested getting Ehrlich Termite Control in to evaluate the building. Mr. Krall will be giving his recommendation next month.

New Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer - Nathan & Phillip Leitma of ISO were pressure testing some of the fire hydrants this week. This is done every 3 years for the Fire Company's insurance; a report will be forth coming.

John Scrivens -Nothing to report

Correspondence:

- Received 2017-2018 PA Rural Water Membership Certificate.
- Received mail from PA Water Specialties Co. concerning Cross-Connection control/backflow
- Received a note from the Borough on South & Zinn Avenue road project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner, with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.** Next meeting will be held **September 7, 2017** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA