

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
May 3, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held May 3, 2018 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; Harold Lau; Ron Weidner and Charles Krall

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Matt Battersby; John Scrivens; David Richards; William Crawford; Diana Young of B-H; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; Marie Holland of GMS Funding Solutions; and Robin Fitzpatrick of Adams County Economic Alliance .

Absent: Rick Saxon and Nathan Boyer

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of April 5, 2018 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 for a total of \$36,945.01 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to approve the paying of the bills for April with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment:

- William Crawford of 216 East King Street, sent a letter in requesting a leniency in his sewer portion of the last bill. He explained a leak was detected and not all of the water went thru the sewer system; some was absorbed thru the ground. Mr. Crawford did pay the water portion of the bill. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to discount the sewer portion of the bill; with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried.***
- Andrew Dehoff of SRBC reported this is the time of year they reevaluate their fees. Public comments are welcome until May 21st on their website.

Engineer's Report:

- Diana Young reported she attended a meeting with DEP, Pennvest, and some Authority members on April 16 concerning funding.
- Ms. Young also reported she received notification from PADEP that the amendment to the water supply permit was found complete and under review.

- She also reported she received notification from PA Dept of Community & Economic Development that the grant application has been reviewed and ready for CFA Board meeting in July.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby mentioned he met with Alexander Ororbia, Manager of new store development for Weis Mkt.; and Robin Fitzpatrick of Adams County Economic Alliance and they discussed ideas to get a sewer line to Weis Market. He asked Ms. Fitzpatrick to come to this meeting to give the Authority some ideas on where they could acquire funding. Ms. Fitzpatrick spoke briefly about herself. She continued with information about working with the businesses on the Route 194 corridor, and Mr. Coxen's property. She mentioned she will be meeting with Mr. Coxen to discuss our potential project and the financial interest he would be willing to make towards it. Ms. Fitzpatrick introduced Marie Holland of GMS Funding Solutions.

GMS Funding Solutions is a contractor for Adams County to do special development projects. Ms. Holland discussed several programs; USDA, Pennvest and PA Small Water & Sewer Programs. She mentioned that USDA looks at the median household income to determine the grant funding they can provide; which is a combination grant funding and loan. Pennvest is mostly loan funding which we already have two loans. PA Small Water & Sewer next application round will probably be at the end of 2018. We currently have an application in now for July. There were 685 applications submitted in February. It is a very competitive program, but 85% of it is grants. It is very political; she mentioned that if you don't have a lobbyist working for you; you probably won't get anything. There was a brief discussion on the next round of grant money in Adams Co.

Solicitor Battersby, Marie Holland and Robin Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

Chairman Mummert informed the Board that Nathan Boyer and his wife had a baby girl on 4/28/18; she was 7lbs 1 oz.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported the auditors presented their 2017 preliminary audit. Mr. Lau also mentioned the Authority is getting an insurance quote from H.A. Thompson.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she is working on the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) which will be distributed to the residents via our web site. She also reported there are 106 delinquent accounts for a total of \$37,029.43. The bills were due April 30, 2018.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Charles Krall mentioned the Borough is deciding on a storage area for the excess road materials , etc for Borough maintenance. The area is on Schoolhouse Lane. It will cost \$500 to clear the area out. Charles Krall is recommending the Authority and Borough spare the cost, because the Authority would be able to use it also. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to pay \$250 for the work associated with the area; with a second by Harold Lau. **Motion carried.*** Mr. Krall also reported on the meeting of April 16th with DEP and Pennvest; it would be for another loan; there would not be any grants.

Chairman Mummert reported he met with Russell Brown Water System Consultant of Suez about the water tower. This company fixes, maintains, and upgrades water towers; their company does this on payment plans. They currently contracted with Bonneauville, Yoe and Franklinton for their water towers. They have already done a visual inspection of our tower at no charge. He would like to present a plan on what they can do for us. By consensus the Board decided to hear what Russ Brown has to present.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer -Absent

John Scrivens - Everything is OK

Correspondence:

- Municipal Authorities conference Sept-9-12, 2018 in Erie
- The PMAA Dinner meeting May 30, 2018 in Lancaster
- Email from Allison Cramer concerning grant application-results to be announce in July
- Email from Aqua-Aerobic System announcing our sewer system reporting won 2nd place. Prize is \$250 credit towards purchase of parts from Aqua-Aerobic System.

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Ron Weidner with a second by Harold Lau. ***Motion carried.*** Next meeting will be held **June 7, 2018** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA