

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
October 4, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held October 4, 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; Ron Weidner; Harold Lau; Darrin Youker and Charles Krall

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Solicitor Battersby; Diana Young of B-H; John Scrivens; Nathan Boyer; Roberta Teal; Rick & Jean. Heininger and Carly Youker.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Charles Krall to accept the minutes of September 6, 2018 as written, with a second by Ron Weidner. **Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.***

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for September 2018 for a total of \$20,248.24 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Harold Lau to approve the paying of the bills for September with a second by Darrin Youker. **Motion carried.***

Public/Guest Comment:

- Robbie Teal-received a letter 9/4/18 concerning the smoke testing and water getting into the sewer; the drain is in front of the man door at the beverage distributor. Her 30 days to rectify the problem is up and she does not have a solution yet. She has been investigating options. John Scrivens suggested televising the line to find where the line goes. One suggestion was a French drain in the yard, but there will still be the street run off. Charles Krall stated the street run off is the Borough's problem to fix. Chairman Mummert suggested extending the time frame for the correction of the problem. *On a motion by Ron Weidner the Board will give Ms. Teal an extension of 60 days to work on the problem, with a second by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***
- Hanna Furst reported Beth Kaiser of 524 West King Street also received a letter and she has rerouted her downspout. (Nathan will have to inspect). Becky Fengfish also received a letter concerning her drain. She called the office and would like someone to advise her on the problem.
- Jean Heininger of 214 East King Street inquired about her billing being so high. She stated they have not been home much and cannot understand that the bill would be \$940.77. She stated Hanna called when the meter card was sent in and the reading was high so she reread the meter. A new ARM meter was installed - and the guys did a 24 hour reading and it was 130 gallons used. They did a 1 week reading and 350 gallons were used. She is disputing the bill. The solicitor suggests sending the meter out to see if it is calibrated correctly. Ron Weidner suggested testing it ourselves. After a brief discussion; *Charles Krall made a motion to hold the bill until it is figured out, there will not be a late penalty assessed until the problem is resolved. Ron Weidner seconds the motion. **Motion carried.***

Engineer's Report: Diana Young reported the grant application submitted to DCED for the water tower project was not approved. There are 3 options to consider-Move forward with the Authority's money; Contract with Suez for tank maintenance; or take no action at all. Diana provided a revised spreadsheet analysis from Suez showing a lower cost for the traditional-low bid approach in year 15. There was a brief discussion on the cost to partial maintenance and the estimated costs. *On a motion by Ron Weidner and a second by Harold Lau the Board decided to table the decision. **Motion carried.***

Solicitor's Report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 29 delinquent accounts for a total of \$15,297.31. Mr. Lau reported a CD matured and was closed; it was reissued on 10/2/18 for 15 months at 2%. Harold Lau stated he is starting to work on 2019 budget; - he, Gerald and Nathan will be having a budget meeting Thursday Oct 18 at 9:30 AM.

Secretary's Report:

- Hanna Furst reported the 3rd quarter water/sewer billing was sent out 9/28/18.
- Beth Kaiser of 524 West King Street has rerouted her downspout as per the letter sent out.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer -Nathan reported he has started working on the shut off valves.

John Scrivens- Everything is good; and he will work with Nathan to pop manhole covers in Beaver Colony when it rains.

Correspondence:

- Commonwealth of PA-Our request for a grant was denied.
- PRWA member Benefit Update webinars
- PMAA Regional Dinner meeting- 11/7/18 Hershey Italian lodge

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM, on a motion by Ron Weidner and a second by Darrin Youker.

Next meeting will be held **November 1, 2018** at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA