

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET / PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

June 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held June 6, 2019 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; Darrin Youker; Harold Lau; Ron Weidner, and Charles Krall

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary, Melissa Earp, John Scrivens, Solicitor Matt Battersby; Diana Young of Buchart-Horn, Inc., Robbie Teal, and Wesley Frey and friend.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the minutes of May 2, 2019 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 May for a total of \$48,529.33 from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to pay the bills for May; with a second from Harold Lau. **Motion carried.***

Public / Guest Comment: Borough resident Wesley Frey of 550 South Avenue, East Berlin, addressed the board. He had received a letter from the Authority dated May 7, 2019 indicating that the Authority was aware he had a tenant in an upstairs apartment and therefore, in order to be in compliance with ordinance 1-2010, Section 4, Letter F, he would need to add a water meter to his residence for the apartment. Mr. Frey was confused as to why he needed to add the water meter, since he was operating the apartment as an Air BNB and not as an actual apartment. Solicitor Battersby explained that since the tenant was long-term (more than 30 days) he would need to comply with the ordinance. Mr. Frey indicated that he would make arrangements to have the meter installed.

Engineer's Report: No written report was submitted / nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby asked about readdressing the stalled plans to paint or replace the water tank. He requested permission to solicit Representative Moul and/or Ecker to find possible public funding for a new water tank for the borough of East Berlin. An affirmative consensus vote was met by all board members to allow the solicitor to move forward on this project.

Treasurer's Report:

- 44 delinquent accounts for a total of \$30,354.85.
- Mr. Lau indicated that the Authority was too small and not willing to take on five (5) million-dollar debt in order to take advantage of six (6) billion in public funds available to municipalities, which was discussed at an earlier meeting.

Secretary's Report:

- Paperwork was presented for signatures for the bank to change the authorized signer of checks from Hannelore Furst to Melissa Earp.
- The account for 206 Jacobs Street is in arrears of \$2688.18. The resident's account was sent to the district justice, but since the resident failed to pick up the certified letter from the post office, an additional \$60.00 was added to the account to cover constable cost of personal delivery of court papers.
- The account for 209 Schoolhouse Lane is in arrears \$949.52. The resident's account was turned over to the district justice.

Unfinished Business:

- An advertisement was placed in the Gettysburg Times to solicit bids for the mower. One bid was received in the amount of \$50.00. *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to reject the bid, and seconded by Darrin Youker. **Motion carried.***
- The bid was re-entered at \$75.00. *A motion was made by Darrin Youker to accept the bid, and seconded by Charles Krall. **Motion carried.***

New Business:

- Bids were submitted for replacing the door at the Reading Pump House by Hull Enterprises (\$1,255.00) and Robert G. Miller (\$1,682.41). *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the Hull Enterprise bid of \$1,225.00, and seconded by Darrin Youker. **Motion carried.***
- Bids were submitted to re-shingle the roof at the Branch Circle lift station by Hull Enterprises (\$1,450.00) and Miller Roofing (\$1,850.00). A brief discussion was held on the warranty of the shingles, and Member Charles Krall called Hull Enterprises and they verbally verified the shingles come with a lifetime warranty. *A motion was made by Darrin Youker, and seconded by Ron Weidner to accept the Hull Enterprise bid of \$1,450.00. **Motion carried.***
- Bids were submitted by Control Systems (\$6,525.50), Paradise Electrical Control Service (\$13,176.50), and Leer Electric (\$15,100.00) to replace the control panel at the Park Road lift station. Because the bids varied widely, the decision was tabled until August, when hopefully more information will be available as to what exactly was included in the bids and what warranties are being offered in conjunction with the work.
- The 2" galvanized water line from North Avenue to Ron Spangler's apartments on Third Street needs to be replaced. Harold Lau requested the operator get two or three bids for the project to present to the board at the August meeting.
- Gerald L. Mummert stepped down as Chairman of the Board due to personal reasons. He submitted a written resignation terminating his board membership and returned his keys.

Operator's Report:

- All fire hydrants have been flushed – one that is leaking will be replaced soon.
- Level transducer at Well 4 was replaced.
- Water leaks on East King St., North Ave., Boyer Dr., and West King St.
- Air conditioner unit at SBR treatment plant was repaired.
- Will be exercising water main shut off valves at the end of the month.
- Submitted two quotes for Reading pump house door replacement (see: New Business).
- Submitted two quotes for re-shingling of roof at Branch Circle lift station (see: New Business).
- Submitted three quotes for replacing control panel at Park Road lift station (see: New Business).

Correspondence: None

Having nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Ron Weidner with a second by Darrin Youker. **Motion carried.**

There will be no meeting in July due to the Independence Day holiday. The next meeting will be held **August 1, 2019** at 103 Locust Street at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted
Melissa Earp, Secretary EBAJA