

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held September 5, 2019 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, Pa 17316. The meeting was opened by Vice Chairman Weidner at 7pm. There was no meeting on July 4, 2019 due to the holiday. There was no meeting on August 1, 2019 because a quorum was not met.

Members Present: R. Weidner, H. Lau, D. Youker, C. Krall

Members Absent:

Also Present: Secretary, Melissa Earp, John Scrivens, Solicitor Matt Battersby; Diana Young of Buchart-Horn, Inc., Robbie Teal, Raeann Hamon

Minutes: A motion was made by C. Krall to accept the minutes of June 6, 2019 as written, with a second by H. Lau.

Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts from the operational fund for June: \$30,580.12; July: \$24,027.95; August: \$28,302.46. A motion was made by Charles Krall to pay the bills for these months; with a second from D. Youker. ***Motion carried.***

Public / Guest Comment: Raeann Hamon of 336 W. King St. discussed the condition of W. King St. in front of her house at the corner of King and Fourth St. Ms. Hamon stated the road had settled where EBAJA pipes had been repaired four years ago. The result is vehicles (especially trucks with trailers) are hitting the dip with such force the walls of nearby structures are shaking, and items are falling off trucks. She is also concerned about the damage that could be done to the pipes underneath.

Engineer's Report: Engineer's report was submitted. A short discussion on resolving the communication issue between the water tank antenna and the plant ensued. FCC has approved a different bandwidth that would increase power and frequency, but would require a license and upgrade to radios and antenna. Conversation ended with no solution decided.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby met with Dan Moul, Torren Ecker, Catherine Wallen, & Kathy Gruber on August 28, 2019 regarding funding for the water tower. A work-up on cost of replacing the existing water tower with a new, larger-capacity tower was requested of Buchart Horn by the solicitor, with the hope of applying for a grant from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to assist with the project. He also requested an updated price to connect the Reading Township development.

Treasurer's Report:

- 56 delinquent accounts for a total of \$32,646.95
- Line of credit with BB&T has been extended for another year.
- Presented his intention to deposit mature CD's into appropriate operating accounts for purposes of liquidity.

Secretary's Report:

- Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plan for 2020 was presented. MMO for 2020 is \$9,115.00. A motion was made to approve and submit the plan by H. Lau, with a second from R. Weidner. ***Motion carried.***
- District Justice has awarded in favor of EBAJA re: Acct# 11164 in the amount \$2784.23. Defendant has made no attempt to pay, so paperwork was forwarded to the solicitor to move ahead with lien proceedings. Question was

made as to whether or not the water could be turned off. J. Scrivens agreed to talk with N. Boyer about the possibility of turning off the water.

- Acct #23703 was also sent to the District Justice, with a result of payment in full.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- A motion was made by R. Weidner to appoint C. Krall as Chairman of the Board, with a second by H. Lau. **Motion carried.**
- Board member still needed to fill vacant seat / term to end 12/31/2019.
- A \$5,250.00 bid was submitted by Tom Parichuk for road blacktop work where water leaks had been repaired. A motion to accept the bid and request an estimate the repair for the W. King St./Fourth St. dip and the Fifth St. bump, was made by D. Youker. Motion was amended by C. Krall to resort to a cold patch repair for W. King St. / Fourth St. dip if cost is too prohibitive. Motion was seconded by R. Weidner. **Motion carried.**

Operator's Report:

- Sinkhole at Well #2 pump-house was repaired.
- Entrance door to Well #2 pump-house was replaced.
- Paradise Electric has begun work on relocating wiring inside the wet-well at Branch Circle lift station to outside.
- Leaking fire hydrant on Park Road was repaired.
- Well #6 generator transfer switch control panel was replaced.
- SBR#1 tank waste pump was pulled and repaired.
- All three (3) lift stations were cleaned by Kline's.
- Lead and copper samples were taken in July. All sample analysis were found to be in compliance.
- Chamberlin and Wingert submitted a bid for replacing the 2" galvanized water line from Water St. to Third St. apartments in the amount of \$15,500. A motion was made by D. Youker to table the project until more bids can be obtained with a second by R. Weidner. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence: None

Board members met in Executive Session to discuss budget, payroll, and legal advice.

Meeting was adjourned by newly appointed Chairman Krall at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held **October 3, 2019** at 103 Locust Street at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted

Melissa Earp, Secretary EBAJA