

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held November 7, 2019 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, Pa 17316. The meeting was opened by Chairman Krall at 7pm.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Secretary, Melissa Earp, Nathan Boyer, Solicitor Matt Battersby; Diana Young of Buchart-Horn, Inc., Robbie Teal

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by H.Lau to accept the minutes of October 3, 2019 as written, with a second by D. Youker. 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 October 2019 in amount of **\$30,201.32**. *A motion was made by R. Weidner to pay the bills for these months; with a second from H. Lau. Motion carried.*

**Public / Guest Comment:** Roberta Teal account 26616 raised question of her unusually high water bill. N. Boyer had spent much time reading and testing the meter, which proved to be accurate. The account showed up on the Leak Report, indicating there is some problem. The account holder dismissed suggestions on how to search for or remedy any problems, refused to engage a plumber to look for a possible leak, and insisted there is no leak. Therefore the board informed her she had to pay the bill in full for water/sewer usage, which she did.

**Engineer's Report:**

- The updated cost to rehabilitate the existing water tank including the option to replace the valve vault piping is \$545,000.00. This does not include engineering costs which are currently unknown.
- The cost to demolish the existing tank is estimated to be \$89,000.00
- A new tank in the range of 250,000 - 400,000 gallons is estimated to cost in the range of 1.4 million to 1.8 million dollars with an estimate of up to an additional \$200,000.00 in engineering costs.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Presented a sample letter from Fairfield on water turn-off procedures. Suggested there should be fees associated with turning off water.
- Met with Pat Naugle of the Adams County Watershed Alliance re: the Conewago Creek. They are open to consideration of Reading Township hooking up to EBAJA to avoid potential contamination of Conewago Creek.
- Had invited Todd Nyquist of Long and Nyquist to present to the board re: efforts to receive funding for water tower project. Mr. Nyquist was a no-show.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- 99 delinquent accounts for a total of \$53,725.92
- Presented a preliminary budget for 2020, which included several scenarios for water tower replacement or refurbishment and addressed fulfilling the needs requested by the operator.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Board member seat remains vacant. A Board member will reach out to individuals and hopefully will make an appointment at the December meeting.
- Water Tower replacement / refurbishment was discussed at length, but no decision was made. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.
- re: water shut off fees: After a lengthy discussion, it was decided the fees should be as follows:  
Shut Off Fee: \$50.00  
Admin Fee: \$25.00  
Turn On Fee: \$25.00 to be waived if payment is received in full or if payments are made in a timely and consistent manner.  
Motion to accept the fees was made by R. Weidner with a second from D. Youker. Motion carried.

New Business:

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Operator's Report:

- Gingerich Excavating completed paving the intersection of Fourth St. and West King St.
- Gingerich Excavating completed the 2" water line replacement to the Third St. apartments.
- Valve needs to be replaced at the corner of Abbottstown St. and Walnut St. extended. Once valve is replaced, the water hydrant can be replaced.
- Waiting for a quote on new SCADA system from MDI Advantage.

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by *R. Weidner* and seconded by *H. Lau*. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held **January 2, 2020** at 103 Locust Street at 7pm.

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Charles Krall, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Earp, Secretary EBAJA