

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held February 6, 2020 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, Pa 17316. The meeting was opened by Chairman Krall at 7pm.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Secretary, Melissa Earp, Nathan Boyer, Solicitor Matt Battersby; Diana Young of Buchart-Horn, Inc.; Hanna Furst, Kevin Maul

Minutes: *A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of January 2, 2020 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 January 2020 in amount of **\$46,473.41**. *A motion was made by D. Youker to pay the bills for these months; with a second from H. Lau. Motion carried.*

Public / Guest Comment: Kevin Maul from Abbottstown-Paradise Joint Sewer Authority stopped by to invite the EBAJA Board to a meeting with APJSA Board to discuss possibility of joint sharing employees, merging, or sharing resources. A meeting to open discussion between the two boards is scheduled for March 12, 7 p.m. at APJSA offices. This invitation was a result of recent, unexpected health issues with their chief operator, John Scrivens.

Engineer's Report:

- Was contacted by Johnston Enterprises re: their preliminary intent to convert King Street Properties building into a(n) (up-to) 35-Unit apartment building. She indicated that a review of the sewer system model indicated that sufficient capacity is available to serve the proposed 35 EDU's. Solicitor indicated she should contact developer to make them aware of 50% Reservation Fee for any EDU's.
- Requested permission to start process to renew the NPDES Permit which is due April 2021, but must be submitted six (6) months in advance and needs several months to complete. Proposed amount to complete the renewal is \$14,000.00. *D. Youker* motioned to accept proposal, giving her authority to begin the process. *R. Weidner* seconded. Motion carried. *Chairman Krall* signed the proposal.

Solicitor's Report:

- Re: Pennwood Land Development plans; insufficient information as of now. He is waiting for a letter of financial security, information on sprinkler system, and confirmed number of new employees before any permits will be issued.
- Attended meeting with Chairman Krall and Senator Mastriano of Pennsylvania to discuss grant money for Water Tank Project. Mastriano indicated he will support the efforts of EBAJA to secure funding, but they will need to do the legwork. Solicitor Battersby stated doubts in regards to obtaining 100% funding for the project.
- Proposed applying for a grant from Benjamin Franklin Tech to install hydro turbines to collect energy that could be used to offset electric bills, which are currently budgeted at \$54k/year.
- Attended meeting with Chairman Krall, Board Member D. Youker (on speakerphone) and D.E.P. to discuss Laughman's Bottom / Redding Township hook-up to EBAJA. D.E.P. representative indicated that if EBAJA can prove that Redding Township is polluting the Conewago with residential run-off, they will intervene and require them to hook in to the system. Without laboratory proof, D.E.P. is unwilling to require that Redding Township hook in to EBAJA system. There is a lab in Mechanicsburg that will test for urine, phosphate, and detergents for \$100.00 each; with an additional \$40.00 to determine if the pollution is human.

Treasurer's Report:

- 112 delinquent accounts for a total of \$50,216.35
- Closed two mature CD's and deposited \$60,133.84 into Capital Fund.
- Discussed possibility of accepting credit card payments.
- Mentioned that PRWA arranges loans for municipal entities through banks at rate of 2.5-3%, which might be something to consider to refinance current Pennvest loans and refurbish water tank.
- Indicated we are approaching the end of the five year window to have water tank refurbished / replaced, so a decision needs to be made.

Secretary's Report:

- Expecting payment / payment plan on account 11164 by February 7, 2020 to avoid service termination.
- Statement of Financial Interests was passed out to each board member to complete.
- Recently disabled borough resident has requested leniency on water/sewer bill. Board declined request in an attempt to avoid opening a Pandora's box on that issue.
- Submitted business card from Darryl Leas who had come in to office to offer his services if needed - he is a licensed water and sewer operator who happens to live in the borough.

Unfinished Business:

- Greg Greene was appointed to the board to fill the seat vacated by Gerald Mummert. His term will end December 31, 2021. Motion: *Youker*. 2nd: *Weidner*. Motion unanimously carried.

New Business:

- None

Operator's Report:

- Branch Circle lift station check valve was replaced.
- LAB/OFFICE furnace at the SBR treatment plant was repaired.
- It has been determined several properties have sewer leaks; he and the secretary will draft a letter to send to property owners alerting them of their responsibility to fix the leaks.
- Well #6 Injector check valve broke off where it is threaded into the discharge pipe. Water spray ruined the SCADA control panel I/O controls. Insurance will cover repairs, after \$1000.00 deductible.
- Submitted bids for Park Road lift station control panel replacement. Board unanimously agreed through a roll-call vote to go with Control Systems in the amount of \$7527.73.
- Submitted bids for ceiling replacement at Well 2 - board agreed to table project for now.
- Submitted quotes for a spare pump - board agreed to hold off on purchase for now.
- Submitted bids for SCADA system upgrade. Board agreed to table discussion until next meeting.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Rayann Hamon for repairing the road in front of her property was presented.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by *R. Weidner* and seconded by *D. Youker*. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held **March 5, 2020** at 103 Locust Street at 7pm.