

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
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MAY 7, 2020

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held May 7, 2020 via ZOOM. The meeting was opened by Chairman Krall at 7pm.

**Members Present:** G. Green, D. Youker, C. Krall, H. Lau

**Members Absent:** R. Weidner

**Also Present:** Matthew Battersby, Diana Young, Nathan Boyer, Melissa Earp

**Minutes:** *A motion was made by G. Green to accept the minutes of April 2, 2020 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 April 2020 via email. April payables totaled: **\$36,065.70.** *A motion was made by G. Green to pay the bills for these months; with a second from D. Youker.* ***Motion carried.***

**Public / Guest Comment:** none

**Engineer's Report:**

- The Chapter 94 annual report for wastewater and Chapter 110 annual water reports are complete and in the books.
- Notice was received from the developers of the empty grocery store that their project is a go. Eventually they will send plans for review and will need edu's, etc.
- In an attempt to proceed with the SCADA update project, the engineer suggested that due to required programming, it would be appropriate to hire Control System 21 as our professional and purchase the needed equipment through CoStars. The Board agreed to move forward with the upgrade and Chairman Krall will reach out to Mr. Diller at Control Systems to discuss hiring them as a professional.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Penn State labs are closed down due to COVID 19 crisis, so testing the Conewago for human excrement is on hold.
- Nothing has moved forward from the meeting with Abbottstown. He has no response about possibly sharing employees and has no idea if they hired a second back-up operator for their sewer plant.
- Will be getting in touch with Congressman John Joyce's office to see if EBAJA could somehow benefit from the federal CARES act that was passed in response to COVID 19. D. Youker suggested the solicitor begin by contacting Chad Reichart in the Chambersburg office.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- 123 Open Accounts for a total of \$58,287.69 in outstanding receivables.
- Has been in contact with PRWA to possibly secure a loan to cover part of the water tower repair project.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Have processed credit card payments in the amount of \$8346.27. Some customers vehemently object to the 3% processing fee. Let it be noted that EBAJA does not benefit from the 3% processing fee.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A motion was made by *G. Green* and seconded by *D. Youker* to waive late fees during the COVID19 crisis. Solicitor Battersby advised that a resolution should be passed to legitimize the action. *Motion Carried* to enact Resolution 2020-3.

**New Business:**

- Chairman Krall asked everyone to look to the future and consider the possibility of selling off the water system to alleviate the debt load of EBAJA. EBAJA would still operate the WWTP, much the same as Abbottstown.

Operator's Report:

- DEP conducted the Annual Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection and found no violations.
- Have been exercising the water main shut-off valves; should be completed within a week.
- Well #6 has been repaired and back to normal operations.
- Began Hydrant Flushing (see attached schedule)
- Would like to preserve the life of the F-250 bed (which is beginning to rust) by applying a spray on bed liner. He is looking for approval to have this done by Mt. Zion Off Road in Dover at a cost of \$500.00

Correspondence: none

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by *D. Youker and seconded by G. Greene. **Motion carried.*** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 7:27 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held **June 4, 2020** at 103 Locust Street at 7pm.

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Charles Krall, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Earp, Secretary