

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
103 LOCUST STREET / PO BOX 37  
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April 2, 2026

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held April 2, 2026 at 103 Locust St., East Berlin, PA. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Green. Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**Members Present:** Chairman G. Green, Vice Chairman R. Weidner, R. Teal, V. Krall, W. Staub

**Members Absent**

**Also Present:** Solicitor Battersby, Engineer D. Young, Treasurer H. Lau, Secretary M. Earp, Cameron Lynch of ARRO Water

**Guests:** Zach Zimmerman of York Water; Brayden Byers of Liberty Fire Co.; Rob Larson, Borough President; Stephanie Haley, EB Mayor, Charles Krall, Bonnie Shue, Lynne Spangler of East Berlin.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by V. Krall to accept the agenda as written for April 2, 2026 board meeting, with a second by W. Staub. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the minutes of March 5, 2026 as written, with a second by R. Teal. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

**Payment of Bills:** All members received a list of payables for March 2026, totaling \$96,269.88 from the Operational funds and \$47,901.60 from the Capital funds. A motion was made by V. Krall to pay the March 2026 bills, with a second from W. Staub. Motion carried.

**Public / Guest Comment:**

**Engineer's Report:**

- The Chapter 94 report has been submitted and accepted.
- The Annual Water Report has been completed.
- BH proceeded with award of the General Contract for the WWTP Expansion to PSI Pumping Solutions and the electrical contract to WYElectric. The agreements are signed they will be setting up a pre-construction conference in the coming weeks.
- Still waiting for shop drawings related to the equipment purchased for the expansion. Supplier has been notified the drawings are needed if the original schedule is to be maintained.
- Mason Dixon Contractors has completed the installation of the sewer pipe and manholes. The new system will be flushed 4/3/2026 and close out the project with pavement restoration the following week. It was recommended that the old manhole at the start of the new line also be flushed out while they are doing the new system. A motion was made by R. Teal with a second from V. Krall to flush out the old manhole. Motion Carried.
- PennDOT has notified BH and MDX that they will not require full lane pavement restoration as stated in the permit, and instead will accept shoulder restoration which will result in a savings for the Authority.
- The construction of the extension took longer than anticipated. BH requested and submitted form authorizing additional compensation in the amount of \$15,025.00 to cover the remaining sewer construction, testing, pavement restoration, punch list items, and final inspections costs. A motion was made by W. Staub with a second from R. Weidner to approve the extra money. Motion Carried.
- Mason Dixon Contractors has made BH aware that paving costs have risen significantly since the time of the bid due to the rising cost of oil. They have asked the Authority to consider an increase of paving materials costs in

the amount of \$3500.00. The engineer pointed out the Authority is under no obligation to do so, since the contract does not include compensation for paving material escalation. No action was taken on this topic.

- Still waiting for the consent order from the PaDEP regarding the PFOA/S. They have been informed of the Authority's decision to resolve the problem by selling the system.
- BH provided additional information to the environmental consulting firm handling the PFAS claim. It is their understanding that a claim has been filed for the non-detection at Well 6.

#### Solicitor's Report:

- Attended virtual conference call with grant administrators / county solicitor regarding the potential sale of the system. There is a chance the commissioners will want the money to be returned to the treasury if a private sale goes through before the end of the project. EBAJA solicitor assured the committee no sale would take place before the end of the project. He will continue to monitor the direction the commissioners/committee may or may not take.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance: \$230,654.16
- \$500,000.00 Line of Credit Update
  - **Purpose:** to bridge the gap between payments and reimbursements related to the grants.
  - ACNB requires minutes from the Borough stating the borough will back the loan.
  - ACNB requires the names of the people who can draw down funds be named in the minutes.
    - A motion was made by **R. Teal** with a second from **R. Weidner** to name the people who can draw down funds as:
      - **Harold Lau**
      - **Gregery Green**
      - **Melissa Earp**
- Received first grant reimbursement.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### Secretary's Report:

- Quarterly bills were sent 3/27/2026
- PN Notification for PFOA violation was sent April 1, 2026

#### Unfinished Business:

#### New Business:

#### Operator's Report:

- Drinking Water System inspection with the PADEP is scheduled for 4/7/2026 at 10am.
- Tier 2 PN's were delivered 4/1/2026
- Branch Circle pump #1 is out to get rebuilt.
- Ordered some powder polymer which will aid in process control at the plant and will aid in settling in the digester so they will not have to haul as much off.
- Discovered the poor condition of the Wastewater SBR#2 Actuator was due to no oil. Received two quotes to replace the actuator, but the quote from Control Systems 21 did not include the labor. The quote from RAM, which includes labor, was \$21,670.50. A motion was made by **R. Weidner** with a second from **V. Krall** to replace the actuator at a cost not to exceed \$21, 670.50.
- All the files at the plant have been sorted and put away correctly.

#### Correspondence:

- Received

- a request from the fire department regarding the use of the water tower on Boyer Drive for tether training. The board felt favorably about the request. A motion was made by W. Staub to allow the use of the water tower as long as there was no problem with the insurance company. R. Teal seconded. Secretary will reach out to the insurance company and let the fire department know of its findings.
- Letter from York Water indicating they are interested in acquiring the water/wastewater system was acknowledged by the board.
- Letter from Lacey Crumbling of 212 Abbottstown St. – see executive session.

**Executive Session:** The board went into Executive Session to discuss complaint letter from Lacey Crumbling of 212 Abbottstown St. at 7:22 and came out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

- During the Executive Session it was decided to ask Ms. Crumbling for copies of receipts related to her request. The secretary will reach out to her in an attempt to obtain the receipts.

**Motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by V. Krall with a second by R. Teal.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Green at 7:45 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **May 7, 2026** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.