

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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December 4, 2025

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held November 4, 2025 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

Guests: Matt Scarpato of York Water; Lee Stinnett of Saltzman Hughes

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the agenda as written for December 4, 2025 board meeting, with a second by W. Staub. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by V. Krall to accept the minutes of November 6, 2025 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 November 2025, totaling \$38,403.97 from the Operational funds. A motion was made by R. Teal to pay the November 2025 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment:

- n/a

Engineer's Report:

- Received a land development plan for Pennwood Products project on Rte 94 south of town, which they are currently reviewing. The plans are for warehousing and a showroom and appear to require 4 EDU's.
- The special study for the WWTP Expansion and Sanitary Sewer Extension was approved.
- NPDES permit application for 0.5 MGD WWTP discharge was submitted to PADEP 8/2/2025. PADEP has advised that the permit will not be acted on until Spring 2026. The reason for this is unclear, but could be because the current permit expires at that time.
- Water Quality Management permit application for the WWTP Expansion was approved.
- Bid Documents for the WWTP Expansion are being prepared.
- Still waiting for documents from Mason Dixon Contractors before they can be awarded the contract, but have received and reviewed submittals from them.
- There is a meeting scheduled for December 17 at the Authority office for a Pre-Bid Conference related to the WWTP Expansion.
- Bids for the project are due by January 13, 2026. In order to keep things moving, a special meeting will need to be scheduled for approval purposes.
- An agreement was presented for Engineering fees related to the WWTP Expansion with a cost of \$40,000.00. A motion was made by R. Weidner with a second from W. Staub to accept the agreement. Motion carried. Chairman Green signed the agreement.
- In June 2025, BH provided PADEP with the requested letter outlining efforts made to date and discussion of actions planned. PADEP has previously indicated they will issue a Consent Order.
- BH attended a meeting with the litigation team regarding the PFAS contamination and are gathering all the requested documents needed to move the case forward.

Solicitor's Report:

- Attended a meeting with law group related to the class action lawsuit against Dupont for the PFOA(S) contaminations that EBAJA is joining.
- Asked for an Executive Session with the representative from Saltzman Hughes to discuss the future of the Authority.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance: \$44,146.77 – a little high for this time of the quarter.
- Presented revised 2026 budget with recommended increase in water fees by \$2.00/1000 gallons and sewer fees by \$1.00/1000 gallons. A motion to adopt the proposed budget was made by W. Staub with a second from R. Weidner. Motion Carried.
- Proposed a monetary bonus for the two employees as a thank you for their commitment to the Authority during recent difficulties. A motion was made by V. Krall to award bonuses with a second from R. Teal.

Secretary's Report:

- Was informed by the PA DEP that John Scrivens is no longer the circuit rider for EBAJA.
- Currently working with the PA DEP to receive training on how to upload the data to the Pennsylvania reporting system.

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – Executive Session
- Open Operator Position: narrowed down to two (2) candidates and will make a decision by the end of the week.

New Business:

- Seat Four Term, currently held by William Staub, is due to expire at the end of the year. Mr. Staub agreed to stay on for another five-year term.
- The first Thursday in January falls on New Year's Day. The meeting date will be moved to January 8, 2026, the second Thursday of the month.
- Cody Hoy of DEP came to inspect the WWTP and make sure everything is staying on track until an operator can be hired. He was kindly helpful and encouraging.

Operator's Report:

- n/a

Correspondence:

- n/a

Executive Session:

- The board broke into executive session at 7:20 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by R. Weidner with a second from R. Teal to engage the firm of Saltzman Hughes to assist with negotiations with York Water. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by void with a second by void.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Green at **8:01 p.m.**

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **January 8, 2025** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.