

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

February 5, 2026

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held February 5, 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: JT Hand of York Water; Cameron Lynch of ARRO Water, Matt Scarpato York Water, Charles Krall of East Berlin

Agenda: A motion was made by V. Krall to accept the agenda as written for February 5, 2026 board meeting, with a second by W. Staub. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of January 8, 2026 as written, with a second by W. Staub. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for January 2026, totaling \$73,536.30 from the Operational funds. A motion was made by V. Krall to pay the January 2026 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: n/a

Engineer's Report:

- Bids for General and Electrical Construction were received on January 22. BH recommended awarding the General Contract to PSI Pumping Solutions in the amount of \$380,950 and the Electrical Contract to WY Electric in the amount of \$76,450.00. A board member expressed concern regarding PSI due to current climate at the company. The attorney advised the board is legally bound to accept the lowest bid since they are working with public funds. R. Weidner made a motion to accept the bids as recommended with a second from R. Teal. A roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative, with one member abstaining due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.
- Mason Dixon Contractors will begin work on the Rte 194 Sewer Extension February 9, 2026. It will be necessary to coordinate the location of sewer laterals with any property owners who expressed interest in connecting to the sewer main. R. Weidner stated he will have a letter drawn on Hamilton Township letterhead to property owners asking for their assistance in placing the laterals.
- Presented a drawdown chart of expected grant expenses.

Solicitor's Report: present

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance of: \$63,290.

Secretary's Report:

- PFOA PN was mailed 2/4/2026
- Advertising for Open Operator Position
 - Adds: Hanover 2 Day print add/30 days online \$882.88
 - York – 2 day / 30 days online \$912.59

- Online only: \$650.00
 - The board decided to stop actively looking for an operator since the engagement of Arro Water seems to be working out.
- GPRS has been engaged to mark the water / sewer lines needed for the Columbia Gas project. Once they mark the lines the first time, the coordinates are saved in an online mapping system that can be accessed at any time to assist with future markings. Columbia Gas plans to be in town for several years as they complete different phases of the pipe replacement project. The cost is \$2300/day plus traffic control (if needed). Board was asked how they wanted to proceed. It was decided GPRS is too expensive. It was suggested to check out USIC, they charge by the number of marks they make. No other alternative solution was provided.
- Asked how to pay the invoice to Aqua Aerobic related to grant expense. The treasurer said he would transfer money and the Engineer will provide support related to the reimbursement process.
- 212 Abbottstown St. lost water due to frozen pipes. After investigating, it was determined the freeze originated on EBAJA side of the curb stop. The pipe froze because of the unusual 2-week-plus deep freeze of single digit overnight temperatures not rising out of the teens during the day. The pipe was only 2.5 feet from the surface due to its placement over top of the storm water drainage system pipe. The cold air blowing through the drain below compounded with the cold air on top resulted in the frozen pipe. Gingerich Excavating relocated the lateral to run deeper under the surface, underneath the storm water drainage pipe.

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – no progress

New Business:

Operator's Report:

- ARRO Water started about three weeks ago.
 - Noticed the CL17 units only get turned on once a day, they will now be left on consistently so they will go through the buffers more frequently.
 - Official Water/Wastewater log books were not being used, so they have implemented that practice.
 - Finished the WWTP Sewer System Management Plan
 - SBR2 decanter valve failed / electrician repaired the sensor / issue presented itself again intermittently, CS21 was called in and reported the electrical part way out/failing so they will continue to troubleshoot and watch the situation closely.
 - Has been schooling Doug on SBR plants state laws & teaching him how to use the microscope.

Correspondence: n/a

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **R. Weidner** with a second by **V. Krall**.
Meeting was adjourned by **Chairman Green** at **7:50 p.m.**

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **March 5, 2026** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.