

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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January 8, 2026

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held January 8, 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.

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the agenda as written for January 8, 2026 board meeting, with a second by V. Krall. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by V. Krall to accept the minutes of December 5, 2025 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 December 2025, totaling **\$33,095.00** from the Operational funds. A motion was made by R. Teal to pay the December 2025 bills, with a second from R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment:

- Cameron Lynch of Arro Water was introduced as a licensed operator who will be part of the team contracted by EBAJA to oversee operations until a permanent employee can be secured. Arro will offer 2 hours/day 5 days/week labor and administrative support, along with the licenses needed to bring the Authority into compliance. After an adjustment period he expects to be needed less and the contract can be re-negotiated. A motion was made by V. Krall with a second from R. Teal to engage Arro Water at an initial cost of \$6110.00/month. All inf favor. **Motion Carried.**
- JT Hand of York Water came to say Happy New Year. He thanked the Authority for publishing the 2026 rates and then compared them to York Water, stating that currently EBAJA is more expensive than York Water. One of the board members reminded him that York Water is currently in negotiations with the PUC for permission to increase their own rates, which creates a see-saw effect when comparing the rates over time. Mr. Hand also informed the Board that if negotiations were begun with York Water, they would operate the system under EBAJA leadership for \$3500/month until the agreement is closed.

Engineer's Report:

- Reviewed plans for the Pennwood Project. They will need a hydrant test.
- Bids are due for the WWTP expansion on January 22, 2026. She has been advised to use Co-Stars for the purchase of the equipment. This would pull equipment cost out of the bid. The contractor bid would be for installation, labor, & processing. She presented an agreement to purchase Aqua Aerobics equipment for the WWTP at a cost of \$916,330.00. A motion was made by R. Teal with a second from V. Krall to purchase the equipment through Co-Stars. All in favor. Motion Carried. Chairman G. Green signed the agreement.
- The agreement with Mason Dixon Contractors for the Abbottstown St. Extension is ready for the Authority signature. They are expected to start soon.

Solicitor's Report:

- Working with Diana on bid documents.
- Requested an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance of: **\$257,564.79**

Secretary's Report:

- Bills were sent January 5, 2026

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority
- Open Operator Position

New Business:

- A potential candidate for the open operator position turned it down due to the insurance package. **Chairman Green** suggested the Authority consider offering or subsidizing family insurance. A motion was made by **R. Weidner** with a second from **V. Krall** to research group or family insurance. Motion carried.

Operator's Report:

- n/a

Correspondence:

- n/a

Executive Session:

- The board broke into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned by **Chairman Green** at **void**.

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