

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

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

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

Members Absent: R. Teal

Also Present: Solicitor Battersby, Engineer D. Young,

Guests: Matt Scarpato, York Water

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the agenda as written for July 2, 2026 board meeting, with a second by V. Krall. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the minutes of June 4, 2026 as written, with a second by R. Weidner. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for June 2026, totaling \$167,934.47 from the Operational funds and \$229,082.50 from the Capital funds. A motion was made by V. Krall to pay the June 2026 bills, with a second by R. Weidner. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment:

Engineer's Report:

- shop drawings are being received and reviewed for the WWTP expansion
- CoStars equipment for the WWTP expansion is expected in October.
- BH is working on record drawings for the 194 Sewer Extension.
- Provided information to the litigation team for the PFAS class action suit.

Solicitor's Report:

- Present

Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance: \$320,639.09

Secretary's Report:

- Tuesday June 9th received phone call from local plumber advising the sewer main was backed up on Abbottstown St. The line was televised and found to have been damaged in three places. Total cost of the repair less blacktop: \$53,423.05.
- Invoices from customers related to the sewer main break were submitted to the insurance company, who in turn placed a claim with Columbia Gas and Kinsley. Insurance company found it highly suspect that the break happened while Columbia Gas was working on the same stretch of road.
- **Rte 194 Sewer Extension Project** cost a total (less any outstanding invoices from Buchart Horn) \$479,006.63.
 - \$306,890.00 has been reimbursed by the state.
 - \$62,758.80 has been submitted to the county for reimbursement.
 - \$109,357.83 in Engineering fees has been paid entirely by the Authority

- **WWTP Expansion Project:** State Award is \$378,924.00. Invoices totaling that amount have been submitted for reimbursement from the state.
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Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – the attorneys are in the process of getting together a request for purchase/bid proposal with hopes of selling the system to a for-profit entity and dismantling the municipal authority.

New Business:

- Chairman did receive a late-night call from a resident who relayed that Dylan's had sewage in their basement. It was determined to be responsibility of the customer, so they were advised to call a plumber.

Operator's Report:

- In the process of finishing up the consumer confidence report – apologized for the delay as they were under the impression the engineer was completing the report.
- The new pump for Branch Circle lift station did come in and will be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.
- Everything has been repaired related to the sewer line failure on Abbottstown St. Final blacktop is scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Correspondence:

- Two residents requested reimbursement of plumbing bills for the Abbottstown St. sewer failure.
 - 301 Abbottstown St. called a plumber after experiencing slow drains. The plumber notified the Authority that he (correctly) believed the problem was in the main. They are requesting \$505.00.
 - 221 Abbottstown St. experienced approximately 2 feet of sewage back up in their basement due to a floor drain. The resident had the basement cleaned, dried, and the furnace and water heater serviced. They are requesting reimbursement of \$5,317.15.
 - The attorney stated storm drains are not to be connected to the sewer system and was corroborated by the engineer. Conversation ensued whether there was an ordinance or not against basement drains (is a drain in a floor considered a *storm* drain? All *drains* lead to the sewer system).
 - Conversation continued related to regulations and potential future regulations related to floor drains vs sump pumps.
- No decision was made regarding reimbursement for the residents. The board decided to wait to see if the insurance company will accept the claims.

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Staub with a second by V. Krall.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Green at **7:17 p.m.**

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **August 6, 2026** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.