

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
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JUNE 21, 2023  
SPECIAL MEETING LCRR PROJECT

A special meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held June 1, 2023 at 103 Locust St., East Berlin, PA. to discuss the Lead and Copper Rule Revised Project. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Krall. Chairman Krall opened the meeting at 7pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Solicitor Battersby, Diana Young, Melissa Earp, Treasurer, H. Lau, Nathan Boyer, Alec Marshall

**Guests:** Mayor S. Haley

**Agenda:** A motion was made by R. Teal to accept the agenda for June 21, 2023 special meeting as written, with a second by W. Staub **Motion carried to accept the agenda as written.**

**\*In accordance with 40 CFR, Section 141.84 of the National Drinking Water Regulations, The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions which requires all community water systems regulated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to complete and submit an initial Service Line Inventory by October 16, 2024. The purpose of this inventory is to identify any lead lines within the system. Although lead lines are not believed to exist within the borough, the inventory project is mandatory and compliance is not optional.**

**Secretary's Report:**

- DEP Water Program Specialist confirmed the service line inventory must be completed and submitted by October 16, 2024.
- The DEP has provided a workbook. Each line must be entered individually; no copy or paste from excel. Once the information is input, it is not recommended to make changes, as the program is not user friendly. The information needed for each service line:
  - \*Basic: \*Unique Service Line ID, Record Type, Date Replacement Completed (if needed), Ownership type, complete address, School or Childcare facility.
  - \*System: Service Line material, was material ever lead, lead pigtail, gooseneck or connector upstream?, installation date range, installation date specific, Basis of Material Classification, diameter in inches, date of field verification
  - \*Customer: Service Line material, was material ever lead, lead pigtail, gooseneck or connector upstream?, installation date range, installation date specific, Basis of Material Classification, diameter in inches, date of field verification
- \*Information to assign tap monitoring tiering.
- \* \*\*lines not identified prior to the due date can be listed as UNKNOWN.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of an app or what method to use to get the information from the field to the office. Engineer suggested we create and use our own spreadsheet. Data entry will potentially be time consuming on an already strained office (current budget allows 18 hours per week for office administration).

- Grant money available seems to be for replacing lead lines, not the initial inventory.

Solicitor:

- Will contact grant writers to see if there is any potential money for the project.
- Found that the DEP will be assisting forty (40) small and disadvantaged communities of less than 10k individuals.

Operator's Report:

- Attended class on March 15, 2023 regarding the LCRR project.
- Estimate from Gingerich to do the work for each line (not including repairing any concrete that may need to be disturbed) approximately \$523.75 (estimating each job will take two hours). If 400 houses need to be inventoried, cost calculates to \$209,500.00.
- For operator's to do the work efficiently by the deadline date of October 16, 2024, while continuing with the current workload, they feel they would need a secondary truck, a gap vac, and one or two temporary employees. Estimate from Exeter for a GapVac: \$61,646.00.
- Due to federal regulations re: pipe material, lines laid after January 1, 1991 will not need to be dug up. This eliminates Beaver Colony and Crestview Terrace. The customer service lines will possibly still need to be inspected.

W. Staub insisted the operators have enough time to do the inventory if the operators consistently complete two / three per day. It was unclear if he meant they dig by hand, use a GapVac, or hire someone to do the digging.

Engineer D. Young suggested recruiting PA Rural Circuit Rider for possible assistance.

It was decided, the secretary and board members will research old ordinances and attempt to find dates when certain lines were laid or repaired to potentially eliminate any digs. The operator will access old plans to try to determine pipe material. Secretary will work toward finding building dates of certain homes to determine if any were built after 1991.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Staub and seconded by R. Weidner. **Motion carried**. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Krall at 7:43 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **July 7, 2023** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.