

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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March 5, 2026

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held March 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, Cameron Lynch of ARRO Water

Guests: Matt Scarpato York Water

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

Minutes: A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the minutes of February 5, 2026 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 February 2026, totaling **\$32,921.18** from the Operational funds and \$229,000 from the Capital funds. A motion was made by R. Weidner to pay the February 2026 bills, with a second from W. Staub. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: Mr. Scarpato announced that York Water has received PUC approval to acquire the Pine Run Retirement community wastewater system.

Engineer's Report:

- BH is in the process of awarding the General Contract for the WWTP expansion to PSI Plumbing Solutions in the amount of \$380,950 and the Electrical Contract to WY Electric in the amount of \$76,450.00.
- Shop drawings for the equipment being purchased through COSTARS are expected next week.
- A proposal for construction phase services was presented for the Chairmans signature. A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the construction phase service contract for construction administration and representative services in the amount of \$107,200 with a second from V. Krall. Motion carried.
- Mason Dixon Contractors has completed roughly one third of the construction of sewer extension. There were complaints from the bank regarding the use of their parking lot and the placement of a port-a-potty which have been resolved.
- Annual Water Supply report should be completed by the end of the month.
- BH provided additional information to the environmental consultant handling the PFAS claim. Consultant recommended testing Well 6 using a second testing method prior to the end of this month. The lab will proceed with this recommended testing.

Solicitor's Report:

- Looked over the insurance bond for the WWTP expansion project
- Requests an executive session to discuss legal issues

Treasurer's Report:

- Open balance of: **\$44,944.55**

- Request a motion to move funds from Water to Sewer plus interest in the investment account to reduce the amount needed to borrow. **R. Weiner** made a motion to transfer \$200,000.00 from water to sewer to pay construction costs while waiting for reimbursement from the grants. **V. Krall** seconded. Motion carried.
- Request a motion to open a line of credit with ACNB in order to pay grant related invoices without disrupting operating funds while waiting for reimbursements. **V. Krall** made a motion to open a line of credit with a second from **R. Teal**. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

- Tier 2 Public Notification related to missed sampling/reporting due to lag in obtaining licensed operator sent out 3/4/2026.
- Requested copies of DWELR and DMR reporting for official record keeping.
- Questions related to grant reimbursement documents were satisfied by the engineer and solicitor.

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – see Executive Session
- Line Painting – due to the ongoing Columbia Gas project, painting of the water and sewer lines will be an ongoing project. A motion was made by **R. Teal** with a second by **R. Weidner** to hire GPRS on an as needed basis to paint and record the lines. Motion carried.

New Business: n/a

Operator's Report:

- Official certification for sending the PN notice due to missed water samples was sent to DEP.
- Lead/Copper/PFAS testing bottles were ordered
- Method 334 Documentation (verification to do chlorine test) is back up in compliance and all documents have been updated.
- All on site monitoring requirement documentation for the drinking water side has been completely updated
- WWTP – operator worked with Doug, they did do some wasting rate adjustments. Happy to report the plant discharge is very clear.
- The sludge pumps in the SBRs could be partially clogged or have worn impellers. ARRO suggests hiring someone to clean them / take a look at them. The engineer suggested they be examined with the diffusers are changed with the WWTP upgrade.
- There was an issue with the PLC Panel not displaying an alarm correctly. Problem was corrected by Control Systems 21.
- Ongoing SBR#2 decanter valve issue was related to the actuator on top of the decanter was leaking oil causing extra resistance. Was adjusted for now, waiting for a quote to have it repaired.
- There was a spare actuator, however, that also was leaking oil.
- Zach from Envirep will be servicing/performing preventative maintenance on the three influent pumps.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Abbottstown Paradise Area Joint Authority terminating the operational assistance agreement.
- Letter from Aqua Pennsylvania regarding interest in purchasing the Authority.

Executive Session:

- The board broke into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.
- The board exited Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

After returning to public session:

- A motion was made by **V. Krall** to sell both the water and wastewater systems to the highest and best bidder, contingent on completion of capital improvements to the wastewater system. The motion was seconded by **R. Teal**. The chairman asked for a roll call vote. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned by **Chairman Green** at **7:43 p.m.**

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **April 2, 2026** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.