

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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November 6, 2025

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held November 6, 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 and Matt Scarpato of York Water; D. Poist of East Berlin

Agenda: A motion was made by R. Teal to accept the agenda for November 6, 2025 board meeting as written, with a second by R. Weidner to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Weidner to accept the minutes of October 2, 2025 as written, with a second by V. Krall. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.

Payment of Bills: All members received a list of payables for October 2025, totaling \$73,126.12 from the Operational funds. A motion was made by V. Krall to pay the October 2025 bills, with a second from W. Staub. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: D. Poist of Branch Circle addressed the board requesting reimbursement for a plumbing invoice related to the Branch Circle lift station failure. The Authority's insurance company advised that the municipality is immune to such claims by PA Act 330 which protects municipalities from liabilities related to malfunctions that are no fault of their own. The Branch Circle lift station failed related to an electrical malfunction which was eventually determined to be due to the voltage provided by Met-Ed. The Authority insurance adjuster advised Mr. Poist to submit the invoice to his own insurance company. Solicitor Battersby advised Mr. Poist to talk to his insurance company and if the result was unfavorable, to resubmit the invoice to EBAJA for further consideration.

JT Hand addressed the board outlining the options indicated in the letter he sent to the solicitor and chairman related to the future of the Authority. Options on the table are: buy 100% of the water demand from YWC (in the same manner that Glen Rock has for the past twenty years), the Authority purchases some water from YWC to support demand, or, his preferred option, sell the system in full to York Water. He guaranteed that YWC has enough water to service East Berlin for 100 years, guarantees flexible terms, and a very public process dictated by the PUC. All options are on the table and he welcomes questions and conversations that will propel any of the options forward.

Engineer's Report:

- WWTP Exp & Sanitary Sewer Extension
 - Special Study was approved.
 - NPDES permit application for 0.5 MGD WWTP discharge was submitted to PADEP 8/2/2025.
 - Water Quality Management permit application for WWTP Expansion was submitted 9/19/2025.
- Rt: 194 Water and Sewer Extension
 - Bids were received on October 22. The low bidder, Mason Dixon Contractors was found to be responsible and the bid to be responsive in the amount of \$424,844.50 for sewer construction only. Buchart Horn has recommended award of the contract to Mason Dixon, pending review of the documents by the Authority's solicitor.

- PFAS MCL Compliance:
 - In June 2025, BH provided PADEP with the requested letter outlining efforts made to date and a discussion of actions planned. PADEP has previously indicated they will issue a Consent Order.

Solicitor's Report:

- Working on getting a hold of 3M Manufacturer's regarding 3M PFAS litigation
- Received correspondence from York Water related to the future of the Authority.
- Asked for Executive Session to be conducted at the end of the regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Open Balance: \$59,745.01
- Presented proposed 2026 budget with some notable changes including increases in water testing, electricity, maintenance expenses, salary, health insurance/pension, and professional services. Advised the system has been running in the red. Recommends an increase in water fees by \$2.00/1000 gallons and sewer fees by \$1.00/1000 gallons. He asked the board to review his proposal so it can be further discussed at the December meeting.

Secretary's Report:

- The new handheld was delivered, will have training on it in December.
- There was an electrical malfunction at the Branch Circle lift station related to the voltage put out by Met-Ed which resulted in failure of the control board. A new board was ordered and a pump rented to keep the system working until the control board can be installed.

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – Executive Session
- Open Operator Position: many applications were received. Only a handful of applicants hold the licenses needed to run the system. Chairman Green will set up interviews with the qualified gentlemen.

New Business:

Operator's Report:

Correspondence:

- Letter from York Water Company; see Public / Guest Comment

Executive Session:

- The board broke into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

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

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

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **December 4, 2025** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.