EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
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September 3, 2026

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held September 3, 2026 at 103 Locust St., East Berlin, PA. The meeting was presided over by *Vice Chairman Weidner,* who opened the meeting at 7pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Members Present: Vice Chairman R. Weidner, V. Krall, W. Staub
Members Absent: Chairman Green, R. Teal
Also Present: Solicitor Battersby, Engineer D. Young, H. Lau, Treasurer; C. Lynch, ARRO Water; M. Earp, Secretary
Guests: Matt Scarpato, York Water; Jason Sabol of Salzmann Hughes

Agenda: A motion was made by **W. Staub** o accept the agenda as written for September 3, 2026 board meeting, with a second by ***V. Krall***. **Motion carried**.

Minutes: A motion was made by ***V. Krall*** to accept the minutes of August 6, 2026 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 August 2026, totaling **$75,309.95** (20k to Insurance/12k for sludge hauling) from the Operational funds. A motion was made by ***W. Staub*** to pay the August 2026 bills, with a second by ***V. Krall.*** **Motion carried**.

Public / Guest Comment: Jason Sabol of Salzmann Hughes presented a preliminary Request for Proposals related to the sale of the municipality. He advised the board to look over the proposal, fill in any blanks, and make any necessary comments, using Solicitor Battersby as a liaison. The engineer pointed out there was nothing in the proposal regarding the water system.
The board was advised they expect to open the bids in October and stay active for 90 days. Bids will be due in January, after which a Best and Final Offer will be asked of all the bidders. A prospective buyer should be in place by the end of January and the transfer of ownership should take place by the end of 2027. The Authority currently leases the land where the Wastewater Treatment Plant sits from the borough for a cost of $100/year. Solicitor Battersby stated this lease would be turned over to the new owner with the same terms. Attorney Sabol suggested the water / sewer system should be sold as a package deal.

Engineer's Report:

- Shop drawings (RFIs) are being received and reviewed.
- The diffusers purchased through COSTARS have been delivered. We are currently assessing the capacity for the existing blowers to operate with the new diffusers until the new blowers are delivered mid-October.
- Provided record drawings of the Rte 194 Sewer extension. This project is now closed.
- The litigation team for the PFAS class action suit contacted BH regarding potential claims that may be available for PFAS in wastewater systems. They provided the team with the requested information so they can determine if the Authority could file a future claim if a suit becomes active.
- There is a meeting next week regarding the plant upgrade.

Solicitor's Report:

- Present

Treasurer's Report:

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- Open Balance: $44,199.88
- 2025 Audit is complete, copies distributed to the board members.

Secretary's Report:

- The Minimum Municipality Obligation for 2027 calculates to $5,328.00. ***V. Krall*** made a motion to accept the MMO with a second from ***W. Staub;*** motion carried.
- After learning that the board assumed responsibility for the cleaning and restoration of the Eisenhart house, related to the sewer main collapse on June 9, 2026, the insurance company decided to reimburse the $5317 to the Authority. The payment has been received and deposited.

Unfinished Business:

- Future of the Authority – see Public/Guest comment.

New Business:

- A belated request from resident of Abbottstown St. for reimbursement for plumbing bill related to the sewer main collapse on June 9, 2026 in the amount of $150.00. A motion was made by ***V. Krall*** to reimburse the customer with a second from ***W. Staub.*** Motion carried.

Operator's Report:

- Discrepancy on water levels of SBR1 was the result of a failed transducer box. The problem was resolved with the new component installed on 8/24/2026.
- Branch Circle generator was delivered and installation is ongoing.
- Bench sheet for well#1 was updated to accommodate the water level readings as requested.
- New radio for well #1 was ordered – has 6-7 week lead time.
- Chemicals were ordered for both the sewer and water systems.

Correspondence:

Executive Session: n/a

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by ***R. Weidner*** with a second *by* ***V. Krall***.
Meeting was adjourned by Vice-***Chairman Weidner*** *at* **7:30 p.m.**

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **October 1, 2026** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.