

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET / PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

September 4, 2025

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority Board was held September 4, 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, R. Teal, V. Krall, W. Staub

Members Absent: R. Weidner

Also Present: Solicitor Battersby, Engineer D. Young, Treasurer H. Lau, Secretary M. Earp, Operator N. Boyer

Guests: Matt Scarpato of York Water, Cindy Reigart of East Berlin

Agenda: A motion was made by W. Staub to accept the agenda for September 4, 2025 board meeting as written, with a second by V. Krall to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Teal to accept the minutes of August 7, 2025 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 2025, totaling \$51,360.69 from the Operational funds. A motion was made by V. Krall to pay the August 2025 bills, with a second from W. Staub. Motion carried.

Public / Guest Comment: see below under New Business

Engineer's Report:

- Special study was submitted to PADEP 7/2/2025. Comments from PADEP have been addressed.
- NPDES permit application for a 0.5 MGD WWTP discharge was submitted to PADEP 8/2/2025.
- Water Quality Management permit application for 0.5 MGD WWTP Expansion is nearly complete and should be submitted to PADEP within the next week or two.

Solicitor's Report:

- Went over the Owner's Instructions for Insurance related to the Route 194 Sewer Extension project with the board. The form details the specifications that will be required by the project contractor's liability insurances. The form was also reviewed by the EBAJA insurance broker. It was advised to require typical industry coverage and to opt out of requiring insurance for railroad facilities, aircraft, watercraft, boiler machinery, flood events, or earthquakes.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Open Balance: \$41,136.86**

Secretary's Report:

- The minimum municipal obligation to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for year 2026 has been calculated to \$12,921.46. This amount will need to be paid by December 31, 2026. A motion was made by R. Teal to authorize the payment with a second by V. Krall. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- PFOS/PFOA – tabled
- Future of Authority – tabled

- Generator – estimates were provided by four (4) co-stars distributors. The solicitor advised they should still put it out to bid. The engineer advised that creating a bid package will add time and may add up to \$15,000.00 to the cost of the project. After reviewing the quotes, the solicitor advised that since they are using public money, they are obligated to accept the lowest bid. The bids were as follows:
 - Lobar Associates - \$89,886.00
 - WY Electric - \$75,000.00
 - Control Systems - \$89,559.04
 - Johnston & Assoc - \$81,491.17

A motion was made by **R. Teal** to accept the bid from Wy Electric at \$75,000.00 with a second from **W. Staub**. Motion Carried.

New Business:

- It was recently discovered that the house at 201 Kuhn Drive was not hooked into the sewer system, despite having paid tapping fees for two units (1988 and 2013) and having been billed for sewer since 1990. The house was connected to a septic tank that had been covered over by a cement porch. It had not been pumped out for at least 35 years. The situation was revealed after a plumbing problem resulted in extensive excavation. The property owner, Cindy Reigart of East Berlin, addressed the board, asking how this happened and asked why she was billed for 35 years when she was not even tied into the system.

Chairman Green apologized and admitted they have no idea how this happened, either. He stated it would be fair for her to be reimbursed for the sewer fees. The secretary calculated the amount paid over the past 35 years for both units equals \$21,851.64. **Chairman Green** asked for a roll call vote to agree to pay her \$21,852.00. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried. Solicitor Battersby will also send a letter to Mrs. Reigart related to the situation.

Operator's Report:

- DEP inspection at the WWTP went well (was given minor recommendations), waiting for the effluent samples and the official inspection report from DEP.
- Grabbed the lead and copper samples. In violation for copper due to two (2) samples being over the action level. May have to switch to monitoring every six months instead of every three (3) years and create a feasibility study. The engineer advised another chemical may need to be added. It is doubtful a PH adjustment will work.
- Will be grabbing the quarterly PFOA/PFOS samples on September 12, 2025.

Correspondence: n/a

Executive Session:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **V. Krall** with a second by **R. Teal**.

Meeting was adjourned by **Chairman Green** at 7:28 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held **October 2, 2025** at 103 Locust Street at 7:00 p.m.