

**EPHRATA AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

The Ephrata Area Joint Authority met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 124 S. State Street, Ephrata, PA.

In attendance were Thomas Reinhold, Chairman; Gary Landis, Vice Chairman; Greg Schmuck, Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary; as well as Member Clark Stauffer (via Conference Call). Also in attendance were Scott Hughes, Gannett Fleming; Attorney Aaron Zeamer, Russell, Krafft & Gruber, LLP; Debra Bartow, Assistant Borough Manager; Charlie Nigrelli, Utilities Manager; Jamie Willwerth, Water & Wastewater Manager; and Stephanie Fasnacht, Recorder.

Absent were Steve Sawyer, Treasurer and Timothy Barr, Member. It should be noted that Timothy Barr, Member, did arrive at the meeting a few minutes prior to adjournment.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Reinhold called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Schmuck to approve the meeting agenda as publicly posted on the Borough's website, the EAJA Board's meeting location as well as distributed to meeting attendees (if any).

Prior to voting by the Board on the Adoption of the Agenda, Ms. Bartow advised that she is requesting for the agenda to be amended to include an Action Item for the approval of an Agreement for Construction Contract as well as a Notice to Proceed for the Pine and Walnut Street Tank Rehabilitation project. Ms. Bartow further advised the documents were only received by Staff on this date who forwarded them to Attorney Zeamer for review. Attorney Zeamer advised he reviewed the documents this afternoon and due to the matter being time sensitive, he is in agreement to proceed with the amendment of the meeting agenda.

Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Schmuck, to amend the September 9, 2021, Meeting Agenda to include the additional Action Item for the approval of an Agreement for Construction Contract as well as a Notice to Proceed for the Pine and Walnut Street Tank Rehabilitation project. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2021**

Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, to approve the minutes of August 12, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

**Visitor Comments**

With no visitors in attendance, Chairman Reinhold moved onto the discussion of the Financial Reports and Payment of Bills.

**Financial Reports**

After a brief discussion of the financial reports, a motion was made by Mr. Schmuck, seconded by Mr. Landis, to receive and file the financial reports. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**Payment of Bills**

After a brief discussion of the payment of the bills, a motion was made by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Schmuck, to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Action Items****i. Becker Engineering – East Main Street (Between Spring Garden Street and Ridge Avenue) Water Main Extension Project: Proposal for Surveying, Design, Engineering, Permitting and Bidding Services**

Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Schmuck, to approve the Becker Engineering Proposal for Survey, Design, Engineering, Permitting and Bidding Services for the East Main Street (Between Spring Garden Street and Ridge Avenue) Water Main Extension Project. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**ii. Entech Engineering: Contract Documents for the Pine and Walnut Street Tank Rehabilitation Project**

Motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Landis, to approve the Entech Engineering Agreement Between Owner and DN Tanks, Inc., for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price) and Notice to Proceed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Engineering Updates**

Mr. Willwerth advised the Mission Dam was inspected last week which resulted in an excellent rating with the next inspection to occur in two years. Mr. Willwerth advised the raw intake was also inspected which showed to be in very good condition with the next inspection to occur in three years.

Mr. Willwerth advised due to flooding from the recent weather event, they received about a foot of water in the building; however, due to the equipment being raised off of the floor, there was no negative impact as everything remained operational.

Mr. Nigrelli praised the Real Time Control equipment that was purchased advising that the sedimentation tank was recently pumped resulting in a drop in the total number of loads (28 to six loads) of processed sludge which resulted in substantial cost savings. Mr. Willwerth additionally advised the equipment has brought a savings in the expense of chemicals. Mr. Nigrelli concluded his comments by advising these substantial cost savings are due to good process control.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is Thursday, October 14, 2021.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Robert Thompson  
Secretary