

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2025 - 6:30 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb, Rob Reale Jr and Chuck Brewer. Also present were: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Michele Powl, Business Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: Jeremy Zimmerman
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremy Zimmerman, Cornwall Responsible Development, handed out map of Cornwall quarry with proposed land development. He spoke about the ongoing development plans and change to a phased approach surrounding EAWA's Cornwall Quarry. Jeremy suggested that the board ask for more comprehensive plans when approached by the developer or Cornwall Borough, as well as ask for the bigger plan beyond current phase.

3. REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report:

i. **2026 Board Meeting Dates & Holidays Observed**

Action: “That the Board approves the Public Notice containing the 2026 Board Meeting Dates and Holidays Observed.”

Motion: K Murphy Second: J Mc Cloud Approved

ii. **Reduction of Financial Security for Meridian Heights Phase 1 to 15% or \$124,170.75**

Action: “The Board approves the reduction of financial security for Meridian Heights phase 1 to 15% or \$124,170.75.”

Motion: K Murphy Second: C Brewer Approved

iii. Reduction of Financial Security for Klein Mills Phase 1B to 15% or \$32,209.43

Action: “The Board approves the reduction of financial security for Klien Mills phase 1B to 15% or \$32,209.43.”

Motion: K Murphy Second: J McCloud Approved

iv. **Resolution 2025-12:** Requesting Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Monies for the purchase and installation of the clear well bypass pumps.

Action: “The Board approves resolution 2025-12, as presented.”

Motion: K Murphy Second: R Sheidy Approved

- b. **Operations Manager's Report:** Joao & Bradley is working in Phase 2 of the main water replacement. Parking issue with 1 hydrant, working to move around the corner. There was a water main break this week on N Lime St, which is a heavy clay area. Kentrel meter replacement is paused until January 2026 for meter reading & 4th quarter billing.
- c. **Engineer's Report:** Krieger gave updates on projects: High St Water Main Replacement - GHD is checking options with vendors on lining the water main under the Amtrak crossing versus open cutting. Wells 6 & 7 upgrade – completed an internal 30% design and will move to 60% design drawings. Water Distribution Study & Hydraulic Model Update – will be done by end of next week. Permit Modifications for West Ridge and Groff Storage Tanks – need to check status with DEP.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Ongoing discussion of the 2026 O+M Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan Budget:** Clean copies will be provided at the Board meeting on December 8th along with the resolution approving the updated rates.

Board reviewed proposed 2026 Operations Budget and 5 Yr Capital Improvements Budget. Impact of rate increases was discussed and the importance of educating the public of EAWA's commitment to providing quality water service with upgrade projects. Pros and cons discussed on the purchase of a Vac Truck versus renting Vac Truck services.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

- 6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** Treese reflected on visitor Jeremy Zimmerman's comments. Calaman said a call from Cornwall President of Borough Council yielded a request to meet about Cornwall Borough purchase of land around quarry. This seems to be an intermediary step to purchase 1 ½ acres to benefit developer's plans for a bypass. Also wanted to discuss recreational use of land at the other end of the quarry.
- 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Treese called an executive session to discuss Cornwall Borough request to meet on topic of land purchase & recreational land use around the Quarry.

8. ADJOURN: 8:05 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 1/12/2026 Meeting