

EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2026 - 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, Rob Reale Jr, Rick Erb (virtually) and Chuck Brewer (virtually). Also present were: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; Michele Powl, Business Manager; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Rich Sheidy, Board Member; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr Treese noted that we received feedback about the 2026 rate increase published. Customer was not opposed to cost increases due to materials, upgrades, and salaries. As a borough resident he was strongly opposed to any rate increase to provide extra supply capacity for township developments. He felt the cost of extra capacity should be to the townships that need the increased supply.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Action: “That the Board approves the WS Meeting Minutes of 1/7/2026 and Board Meeting Minutes of 1/12/2026, as presented.”

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** K Murphy **Approved**

5. REPORTS:

a. Manager’s Report:

i. PENNVEST Payment Request Application #10:

Action: “The Board approves submission of the Payment Request #10 to PENNVEST in the amount of \$ \$734,922.57, which reimburses EAWA expenses for engineering, legal, and Phase 1/2 construction expenses for the Cast Iron Main Replacement Project.”

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J McCloud **Approved**

ii. Discussion of Self Directive Retirement Options for EAWA Employees: Michele and I met with CBIZ and Conrad Siegel to discuss pricing, logistics, etc... Attached is the costs associated with move from Conrad Siegel. One of the items they mentioned was to review, amend and restate the plan documents which haven’t been done in a long time. This is something that would need done regardless of whether a switch to a self-directive retirement option or not, since the plans documents haven’t been updated in quite some time.

Action: “The Board approves the fee schedule from Conrad Siegel and directs staff to work with Conrad Siegel on a DRAFT amendment and restatement.”

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

iii. **Reduction of Letter of Credit for Stoneybrook Phase 4A**

Action: "That the Board accepts GHD's recommendation for a reduction of the letter of credit for Stoneybrook Phase 4A."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

- iv. **Discussion on the conversion to natural gas for the 211 W Hummelstown plant/office:** Had a discussion with UGI and they have enough capacity to service our needs now (heat). If we added the generator, we would need to participate in system upgrades, but those costs are not known at this time. We would need to contract or coordinate with a contractor for the location of the service to come into the building as well as internal piping. Another option is to include this in the 3rd Skid Project should that proceed forward. We did secure a rough estimate from Frey Lutz of \$75,000 to replace unit 4, redo the duct work (upsized), reconfigure the exhaust/intake and run the gas lines from UGI's meter. I budgeted \$60,000 without factoring in the gas line work since we were planning on electric.

Action: "That the Board directs staff to work with UGI on the natural gas extension to service our current needs as well as work with our contractor and/or engineer to finalize proposals and cost."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J McCloud **Approved**

b. **Operations Manager's Report:** provided at work session meeting.

c. **Engineer's Report:** provided at work session meeting.

d. **Financial Reports:**

- i. Paid Bills Detail (*Operating Fund*) (01/26/26) distributed with package (\$213,605.26 for balance);
- ii. Paid Bill Detail (*Capital Fund*) (01/26/26) distributed with package (\$42,382.39 for balance);
- iii. Statement of *Operating* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JANUARY YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$1,111,558.09, Expenditures: \$421,120.61 & Income: \$884,100.06.
- iv. Statement of *Capital* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JANUARY YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$9,468,598.27, Expenditures: \$42,576.54 & Income: \$1,469,942.32.

Action: "That the Board accepts the JANUARY Statement of Revenues & Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget)."

Motion: J McCloud **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

8. **BILLS PAYABLE:** Refer to Unpaid Report;

Action: "That the Board pays bills listed on statement of Unpaid *Operating* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$78,426.26 (02/09/26) and Unpaid *Capital* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$22,905.43."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

9. **BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** When obtaining another natural gas conversion quote, Reale Jr asked that the contractor size up their own job plan to submit a quote. Calaman confirmed that is what is intended for another quote. Murphy expressed concern that our technicians stay safe while working on the water main break on N Market St.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Treese called for an Executive Session.

11. **ADJOURN: 6.59 PM**

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

Motion: J McCloud **Second:** K Murphy **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 2/9/2026 Meeting