EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 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: Rick Erb, Rob Reale Jr and Chuck Brewer. Also present were: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Keith Murphy and Jeff McCloud, Board Members; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Michele Powl, Business Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Action: "That the Board approves the WS Meeting Minutes of 6/3/2026 and Board Meeting Minutes of 6/8/2026, as presented."

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** C Brewer **APPROVED**

5. **REPORTS:**

a. **Manager's Report:**

Comment from Calaman**:** Cornwall borough did reach out last week. Their council approved an escrow account of $62,000 but was only in an email. Escrow arrangement should be an agreement. Reale Jr asked about the gas line coming into the plant. Calaman said they started today, should take 1-2 days.

- **RETTEW - Surcharge Support Services:** Since ERSA went through a similar process to identify all non-residential EDU's allocated, we felt it made sense to seek a proposal from RETTEW to do the same. This will set the benchmark for surcharge billing.

  Rettew will draft a new policy for overuse of EDU's. Solicitor Shank views contract is for time and materials and is an administrative project with limited liability provision. This will start with commercial/ industrial properties.

  Action: "The Board approves the proposal from RETTEW for surcharge support not to exceed $14,700.00."

  Motion: C Brewer **Second:** R Reale Jr **APPROVED**

- **SCADA System for Cornwall Pump Station:** DEP has made comments about having more timely data at Cornwall as well as our staff wanting the ability to remote monitor the station.

  Action: "The Board approves the proposal from Tri-Star to integrate the Cornwall Pump Station into EAWA's SCADA system for $57,908.00."

Motion: R Erb **Second:** R Reale Jr **APPROVED**

- **Resolution 2026-12 – Contribution in Aid of Construction Policy**

  Solicitor Shank said the Municipal Authorities Act gives EAWA authority to amend our tapping fee resolution to create a special tapping fee project by project or a specific EDUs benefit. Also, a provision in the tapping fee law allows for a reimbursement tapping fee. We could require a developer to put in some of this infrastructure, to the extent it benefits other EDU users. As others tap in, the developers would get a portion of that reimbursed. The concern is that it places cost and burdens on one group of individuals that benefit other rate payers. A concern for Contribution in Aid of Constructions Policy is if it could survive legal challenge. The other observation is the means for the fee development is based on costs not yet known. A better practice would be to find ways to amend our allowable tapping fee resolution. Also, we can impose financial requirements for infrastructure development on developers for whom we do not yet have a signed agreement. Discussion ensued about the policy, whether to table it, and look at it monthly until September meeting instead of approving the policy at this meeting.

  Amended motion to table it until Sept meeting.

Action: "The Board amended motion for Resolution 2026-12 creating a Contribution in Aid of Construction Policy, to table it until September meeting."

Motion: C Brewer **Second:** R Erb **APPROVED**

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

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

d. **Financial Reports:**

i. Paid Bills Detail *(Operating Fund)* (06/26/26) distributed with package ($94,646.68 for balance);

ii. Paid Bill Detail *(Capital Fund)* (06/26/26) distributed with package ($115,884.26 for balance);

iii. Paid Bill Detail *(Developer's Escrow Fund)* (06/26/26) distributed with package ($3,557.75 for balance);

iv. Statement of *Operating* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JUNE YTD, distributed with package. Balance: $1,074,744.60, Expenditures: $319,521.16 & Income: $78,527.28.

v. Statement of *Capital* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JUNE YTD, distributed with package. Balance: $7,326,034.67, Expenditures: $153,980.16 & Income: $147,378.62.

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

Motion: R Erb **Second:** R Reale Jr **APPROVED**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

   - **Budget Review:** Year-to-date totals and how everything looks compared to budget. Also includes our pre-budget discussion and setting priorities.

8. **BILLS PAYABLE:** Refer to Unpaid Report.
   Brewer asked Calaman for a brief explanation of the items listed for Bills Payable at the September meeting.

   Action: "That the Board pays bills listed on statement of Unpaid *Operating* Fund Bills Detail totaling $66,955.58 (07/13/26) and Unpaid *Capital* Fund Bills Detail totaling $613,247.81 (07/13/26)."

   Motion: C Brewer **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

9. **Motion added to agenda**: Solicitor Shank asked about PFOS, lead and copper class action suit. PFOS class action suit Phase 1 is closed, Phase 2 closes July 2026 for testing done after 2023. Class Action company Napoli teams up with National Rural Water Association at 25% + costs payment, only due if awarded money.

   Action: "That the Board approves retaining class action council pursuant to a rate and premium for Phase 2 PFOS recovery.

   Motion: C Brewer **Second:** R Erb **Approved**

10. **BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** Rob asked Kentrel update. Calaman said we sent out letters to customers that we need contact information. We have about 800 accounts that still need meter replacement. Treese asked about awarding bid for 3rd skid project. Solicitor Shank said we need the technical data to confirm the waiver to state that product is not readily available at the percentages in PA Steel Act.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive session was called.

12: ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

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

Motion: R Real Jr **Second:** R Erb **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 8/10/2026 Meeting