

**EPHRATA AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

The Ephrata Area Joint Authority met on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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 (Arrived at 7:02 PM); Steve Sawyer, Treasurer; Greg Schmuck, Assistant Treasurer; as well as Member Clark Stauffer. Absent was Timothy Barr, Member.

Also in attendance were Scott Hughes, Gannett Fleming; Attorney Aaron Zeamer, Russell, Krafft & Gruber, LLP; Michael McKenna, Secretary; Debra Bartow, Assistant Secretary; Jamie Willwerth, Water and Wastewater Manager; and Stephanie Fasnacht, Recorder.

Call to Order

Chairman Reinhold called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. McKenna provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Authority business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Chairman Reinhold asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Authority business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Chairman Reinhold asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Mr. Sawyer moved and Mr. Schmuck seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2022

Mr. Stauffer moved and Mr. Schmuck seconded to approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Comments

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

Financial Reports

After a brief discussion of the financial reports, Mr. Stauffer moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to receive and file the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Payment of Bills

After a brief discussion of the payment of the bills, Mr. Schmuck moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to ratify the payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Action Items

a. Resolution 2022-1: Ephrata National Bank Resolution for Depository Account

Mr. Stauffer moved and Mr. Schmuck seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-1 updating the Authority's depository account signatories with Ephrata National Bank. The motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Update

Mr. Willwerth advised that Operations have been busy dealing with five water main breaks over the last couple of weeks resulting from cold weather and frost conditions. Mr. Willwerth additionally advised that due to the large excess amount of salt runoff from roadways, the plant had to be shut down for four days until the issues were resolved.

Mr. Willwerth provided information regarding a large "behind the meter" leak that was located at the Brookwood trailer park in Ephrata Township. Mr. Willwerth advised that the property management of the trailer park was notified of the leak; however, repair of the leak was not completed until a week later resulting in a large amount of system water loss. Mr. Willwerth concluded his comments by relating to the Board that once the leak was repaired, Staff observed a considerable improvement on the system.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Adjournment

Mr. Schmuck moved and Mr. Stauffer seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Secretary

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