DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Authority was held Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Womelsdorf Borough Hall.

It was noted that in order to assist in the preparation of the meeting minutes, the Secretary records the meeting. The recording is deleted following the approval by the Board of the minutes and no permanent recording is kept by the Secretary.

The following members were present:
Steve Bright Ralph Honigmann Rod Lebo Mark Spotts Dan Dierolf Barbara Orth

Engineer Assistant, Aiden Russell, Solicitor Jestyn Payne, Dennis Miller and Jacob Sonnen (Authority Operators) were also in attendance.

Engineer, Fred Ebert and Matthew Miller were absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag of the USA.

Visitors: None

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, August 26, 2026 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dan Dierolf, seconded by Rod Lebo. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Trego Insurance Agency partnering with Seltzer Group Partners, The Authorities regarding symposium 11/6/26, PA Rural Water November courses brochure.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The Treasurer's Report showing a balance of $2,418,600.94 was approved on a motion by Barbara Orth, seconded by Dan Dierolf. Unanimously approved.
2. Bills in the amount of $97,438.09 were presented for payment, which were ratified or approved on motion by Barbara Orth, seconded by Dan Dierolf. Motion was unanimous.
3. Some expenses of interest M H Construction – repair to Well #1re-roof that got hit by a tree and William H Koch audit charge.
4. Edward Jones statements are available upon request.

Engineer's Report:

1. **2026 Penn Vest Loan One – Furnace Tank Painting:** The settlement documentation for the Furnace Tank PennVEST Loan was finalized and submitted on August 27, 2026. Following completion of the settlement checklist, EE, Inc. was notified by PennVEST on September 4, 2026, that Federal Non-Equivalency Funding cannot be utilized for Co-Stars Labor. A call was held with PennVEST on September 8, 2026, to discuss the Authority's options, where it was confirmed that Co-Stars Labor could not be funded through the awarded loan due to federal procurement requirements. PennVEST outlined only three options for the Authority to consider. The options are as follows:
    1. Purchase the paint under Co-Stars and use the Penn VEST loan for the paint, Miscellaneous Metals Contract and Engineering and self-fund the labor.
    2. Purchase the paint under Co-Stars Contract and bid out the labor as a separate contract.
    3. Work with Kappe to cancel the entire Co-Stars Contract and bid out the tank painting as a publicly bid project.

EE, Inc. is requesting that the board vote on the decision of the three options for the Furnace Tank PennVEST Loan, as well as authorize EE, Inc. to proceed with the selected option. Solicitor noted that Chairman Bright did the best he could to push for us. Aiden stated they have not talked to Kappe or Stoltzfus yet. Will defer actions to Solicitor's report.
Chairman Bright mentioned that he and the Treasurer set up PennVEST I & PennVEST II accounts at Fulton Bank.

2. **High Street Water Main:** EE, Inc. has authorized C2C Design Group to commence with survey work for the High Street Water Main Replacement. The survey is from 5th Street to Route 422, and work is expected to begin the week of September 21, 2026.

   Once the survey is received and paving restoration requirements are determined by PennDOT, EE, Inc. will confirm the costs and scope of the project and proceed with design work at the discretion of the board. We have some time to meet January 2027 meeting deadline.

3. **Alden on Sixth:** EE, Inc. issued Plan Review No. 3 by letter dated September 18, 2026. EE, Inc. has been in communication with the developer on the off-site water improvements, and the timeline for beginning construction. Recommend board vote on plans when received. Met with Dennis and walked from Lyman to Cherry and marked up plan to get idea on valves, gaskets, etc for costs. Solicitor is working on agreement. Asked about piping – thought it was going to be CoStars. Dennis said after Aiden draws it up, he could send out to our supplier who are all in the CoStars program. Board could vote on the lowest bidder at the October meeting. WRJA already has 6" pipe.

4. **Womelsdorf – Low Flow and Pressure:** The solicitor has been working with EE, Inc. on the Alden on Sixth Developer's Improvements Agreement. The plan approval and agreement will finalize the requirements of the Developer and allow them to move forward with construction.

5. **Maple Avenue Apartments:** EE, Inc. recommends that the Authority allow termination of the Letter of Credit in the amount of $98,000.00, and return any deposited monies held by the Authority. Motion by Rod Lebo, seconded by Ralph Honigmann. Motion carried.

6. **LSA Shares Grant:** The DCED has announced the next round of the Statewide Local Shares grant program. The application period opened on September 1, 2026, and the applications are due by November 30, 2026. However, the Womelsdorf Fire Company has expressed their intention of applying for an LSA Grant during this application period.

Solicitor's Report:

1. **Penn VEST and Termination of CoStars Contract/Contract with I.K. Stoltzfus:** The only change in scheduling may be a special meeting on November 12, 2026 – if needed a quorum could meet at 5 or 5:30 PM. Is it the boards desire to terminate the contract if painting cannot be funded by PennVEST? Do we have the legal right? Yes, we do have legal right to terminate for convenience. Note, we would have to pay Kappe for work already done. Solicitor (and Engineer) recommends termination of CoStars contract for convenience and adoption of resolution. It was agreed to go with option 3. Approval and Authorization of termination for convenience the CoStars Contract (tank painting) was made on a motion by Ralph Honigmann and seconded by Rod Lebo. Unanimously approved.
   Then discussed the Miscellaneous Metals contract. Aiden remarked that Stoltzfus bid it competitively, but they bid in the knowledge that they would be doing the painting work. The bid was substantially lower. For now, Solicitor recommends nothing be done and wait until the October meeting. Solicitor has a letter drafted to Kappe and will send it late tomorrow. Chairman Bright noted that PennVEST said they would fund us for the Metals Contract.

2. **Alden on Sixth:** Working on Improvements Agreement. Dennis has been very helpful. Will use CoStars. Will need clarity on ancillary work in the side streets. Aiden will send over cost estimate and quantity information. Developer looking to start in December.

Operator's Report:

1. Fixing meters.
2. High Street gas main is in and ongoing.
3. Water leaks on S Wayne Street and also 422 at Murdough's Christmas Barn and one on Seltzer Avenue.
4. Storm damage at Well #1 and it is repaired.
5. Shop heating unit. Abraham Beery tried to fix but couldn't get parts. Recommended replacing for $5,000. Ralph looked at it and thinks we should get a second opinion. Bearing on shaft is bad. Try John Weidman, Ephrata.

Other Board Member Comments:
None

Chairman's Report:
None

Motion to Adjourn at 7:44 PM by Steve Bright, seconded by Barbara Orth. Motion carried.

Next meeting: ***Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 7PM at the Womelsdorf Borough Hall.***

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Orth

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Secretary

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Treasurer's Report AUGUST 2026

Balance July 31:	**$679,258.10**		
Water Revenue		$144,024.21	
Certs		$180.00	
Meter data fee		$1,039.00	
Grande Lots 23& 24 Tap in		$8,000.00	
Other Income		+$5,817.62	
		$159,060.83	
Total Income			**+$159,060.83**
			$838,318.93
August Disbursements		$41,258.31	**-$41,258.31**
			$797,060.62
Treasury Notes			
Expires 02.15.27	2.250%	$100,000.00	
Expires 08.15.28	2.875%	$140,000.00	
Expires 05.15.29	2.375%	+ $105,000.00	
		$345,000.00	**+$345,000.00**
			$1,142,060.62
PLGIT		$435,282.74	
Interest	3.76%	+$1,391.16	
		$436,673.90	**+$436,673.90**
			$1,578,734.52
Edward Jones account value as of August 1 - Aug 28, 2026			**+$839,866.42**
			$2,418,600.94