

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority was held Wednesday, April 22, 2026 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 Matthew Miller Rod Lebo Mark Spotts Dan Dierolf Barbara Orth

Ralph Honigmann was absent.

Engineer, Fred Ebert, Assistant, Aiden Russel attended. Solicitor Brian Boland attended in the absence of Jestyn Payne. Dennis Miller and Jacob Sonnen (Authority Operators) were also in attendance.

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, March 25, 2026, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mark Spotts, seconded by Rod Lebo. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Certificates of Insurance from Algyer, Ditchcreek, AH Moyer (2), Ebling's brochure, The Authorities Management Workshop (3 dates available), PA Rural June courses, PA DEP Construction Permit, Backflow Test & Maintenance Report from Adelphi Kitchens (I will keep on file).

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$2,116,867.11 was approved on a motion by Dan Dierolf, seconded by Barbara Orth. Unanimously approved.

Bills in the amount of \$23,937.00 were presented for payment, which were ratified or approved on motion by Dan Dierolf, seconded by Barbara Orth. Motion was unanimous.

Edward Jones statements are available upon request.

Went out of our usual order since Engineer was delayed due to traffic.

Operator's Report:

1. Read meters and fixed meters. Only 2 calls on new rates. Both ok after explanation.
2. Ken Gehris had Precision Fire Protection in to rebuild meter pit. Working fine.
3. Logging project is just about done per Joe Brackman. Solicitor to finish up paperwork.
4. Fixed Chlorine Regulator at Well 8. Neal Systems came out to repair.
5. Tree stand removal. Took a couple more down. Will wait until after the next hunting season to take more down since ticks are getting bad. Also, people are becoming aware of what we're doing.
6. Backflow - Brian from National Water Specialties Company will be coming to our May meeting. If any questions prior to next meeting, let him know.

7. UGI replacing main on South 2nd Street out to Hurst Garage. Chairman got call from Jim Ellen, Womelsdorf Borough regarding that project as well as High Street. We did not receive written notice. Engineer stated, they do not have on their funding schedule. Engineer will investigate this. Dennis/Glenn had some questions on replacing copper lines and bring up to at least ¾". Engineer said to develop a Capital Plan, so we have an order of magnitude. Chairman tried calling PennDOT but no luck getting through.

Engineer's Report:

1. **SSM Files:** The SSM proposal was authorized at the March 2026 Authority meeting. SSM is gathering the information. EE, Inc. will follow up on the status and report to the Board at the April Authority meeting. Waiting for a date. Dennis asked – are there any hard copies? Glenn asked if he could go down with Dave Bright since he knows where everything is. Questionable.
2. **High Street Paving:** Will make priority for next month.
3. **2026 Penn VEST Loan One – Furnace Tank Painting:** The following is a list of the items that have been accomplished since the last Authority meeting:
 - **Land Use Acknowledgement Letters**
 - Berks County Planning Commission received 2/2/26
 - Heidelberg Township received 1/14/26
 - **Farmland Preservation Board Consistency Letter**
 - Berks County Farm Preservation received 1/29/26
 - **Last Three Years of Audited Financial Statements**
 - Two of three years submitted to the PA DEP for review and uploaded to the Penn Vest portal
 - Auditor proposal received and authorized 2/19/26
 - Need Authority to categorize Authority Financial Statements per Penn VEST requirements
 - **Tank Pictures Received**
 - Uploaded to Penn VEST online application
 - **Metals Contract**
 - Ready to bid by May. Looking to receive at June meeting. Can't award until after PennVEST loan is done.
 - **PA DEP Public Water Supply Permit**
 - Approved by the PA DEP
 - **Categorical Exclusion**
 - Approved by the PA DEP
 - **Letter of Responsibility**
 - Signed 2/25/26
 - **Resolution to Submit Loan Application**
 - Adopted 2/25/26
 - **Authority Charter Extension**
 - Approved and uploaded to the Penn VEST application

The following items are currently in process:

- **Construction Cost Estimate**
 - Draft completed
- **Construction Schedule**
 - Dependent on Penn VEST application

Ebert EE, Inc is working with the Auditor to at least get an advanced draft to use as a place holder. Will follow up with Lisa Sanelli of William Koch Associates.

Will be in contact with Chairman so he can log into Keystone login and submit. Looking at April 27 or April 28.

The next Penn VEST application deadline is April 29, 2026.

4. **2025 Local Shares Grant:** Will be awarded September 2026.

5. **Developments:**

- Bethany Road: Mark questioned what's going on? Dennis said we had first right of refusal but keeping on list in case something else came up.
- Maple Avenue Apartments: Per Dennis - they are doing wet tap, and they got meter pit. They owe us.
- East High Street: They owe \$12,611.50*
- Furnace Hill/Grande: \$2,744.04*
*Solicitor should write letters.
- 29 East High Street - want to make apartments and put in sprinkler system. Need Will Serve Letter.
- Alden on Sixth: Gave standard details. We have new updated version, but Dennis needs to review.

Marion Township Water: Their engineer reached out and wants to know if we will be willing to service them? Do we have available water and under what conditions? Engineers' recommendation is they build it and dedicate to us. After discussion, yes, we have the water but should check capacity. We would not want to put any money into this project. If we do this, we should use the tapping fees for new sources. Board agreed that we are interested and Fred should relay that we would want tapping fees and build to our specification. Would also want/need a tank.

Solicitor's Report:

1. **Extension of Term of the Authority:** Filed Articles of Amendment on April 15, 2026. Term has been extended to March 31, 2076.
2. **Robesonia Fish & Game:** Mr. Ebert signed off that he is satisfied with legal description of the lease. Waiting for certificates of insurance before executing.
3. **2025/2026 Timber Project:** Received certificate of completion. Approve payment to Joe Brackman in the amount of \$6,417.11 and to Wagner Hardwoods, LLC for cash security in the amount of \$8,556.15 in a motion by Rod Lebo, seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Other Board Member Comments:

Barbara Orth: Does board approve of the new invoices from Diversified? Mark Spotts asked if the information / extended link for the Water Quality report be changed to WRJA.info for Water Quality Report. It's on our front page. Secretary will contact them.

Chairman's Report: None

Went into Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss Berks Nature.

Came out of Executive Session at 7:56 PM.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:56 PM. by Steve Bright, seconded by Barbara Orth. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7PM at the Womelsdorf Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Orth

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Secretary

Womelsdorf - Robesonia Joint Authority

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Treasurer's Report MARCH 2026

Balance February 28: \$517,053.37

Water Revenue	\$34,736.26
Certs	\$210.00
Shutoffs	\$408.00
Other Income	<u>+\$248.04</u>
	\$35,602.30

Total Income

+\$35,602.30

\$552,655.67

March Disbursements \$41,503.63

-\$41,503.63

\$511,152.04

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%	<u>+\$105,000.00</u>
		\$345,000.00

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\$856,152.04

PLGIT \$428,529.81

Interest 3.75% +\$1,364.43

\$429,894.24

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\$1,286,046.28

Edward Jones account value as of Feb. 28- March 27

+\$830,820.83

\$2,116,867.11