

**EPHRATA BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
November 11, 2013**

A meeting of the Ephrata Borough Authority was held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the Conference Room of Borough Hall, 124 South State Street. In attendance were Vice Chairman Gil Sager, Treasurer Gil Ochs, Assistant Treasurer Gail Bare, and Member Gary Snavelly. Chairman Ralph Mowen was absent.

Also present were Secretary D. Robert Thompson, Director of Operations Tom Natarian and Recorder Kathy Holzinger.

Mr. Sager paid tribute to all the veterans who make our days and our lives possible on this Veteran's Day.

Vice Chairman Sager called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2013**

Motion by Mr. Snavelly, seconded by Mr. Ochs, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of August 12, 2013.

**Financial Report**

Mrs. Bare said there is \$5,000 in the savings account. The regional capacity tapping fees went down; we expended \$250,000 out of that account to pay off the debt service for plant 2. The reason there is that much money in the 2010 bond fund is because we put the money in to pay the debt service for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and it wasn't paid out. That money will be paid out to meet our debt service.

**BNR Project Status Report**

Mrs. Bare said all bills have been paid against the BNR project, and we have a balance remaining of \$548,151.58. We are planning to come to the board in the next few months with some projects that we would like to use that money for. It does have to be used for plant 1 projects. We pulled three projects out of the 2014 sewer fund budget to allocate these funds to pay for these projects. Once we receive bids we will come to the board for approval. The projects total about \$275,000, and we will be using this money to pay for those three projects and then decide what we will use the balance for.

Motion by Mr. Ochs, seconded by Mr. Snavelly, and unanimously passed to approve the financial report as submitted.

Mr. Thompson said the BNR project is still open because the one remaining item is the performance test. While the plant has been performing, and we have met our annual requirements for 2013 we're still not where we should be from the standpoint if both treatment plants were at full capacity. We are still tweaking conditions out there and working with the engineer.

The plant is becoming more and more efficient due to the operators and we're hoping to get to peak efficiency then we will take the performance test.

**Nutrient Trading Agreement with Adamstown Borough**

Mr. Thompson said just as we had to meet our requirements so do other medium sized facilities (more than 15,000 gallons per day / less than 100,000 gallons per day). Adamstown Borough needs to purchase some nitrogen credits – 2,520. We are proposing to sell to Adamstown for \$1.00/pound nutrient credits of 2,520. We are generating revenue for the authority. DEP has a nutrient credit banking system where you are allowed to purchase credits for those who have excess. It is done on a year to year basis. It has to be done on an annual basis. October 1 to September 30 each year.

Motion by Mr. Snavelly, seconded by Mrs. Bare to approve the sale of credits to Adamstown Borough. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Meeting duly adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Robert Thompson  
Secretary