

EPHRATA BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 10, 2013

A meeting of the Ephrata Borough Authority was held on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the Conference Room of Borough Hall, 124 South State Street. In attendance were Chairman Ralph Mowen, Vice Chairman Gil Sager, Treasurer Gil Ochs, Assistant Treasurer Gail Bare, and Member Gary Snavelly.

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

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

Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2013

Motion by Mr. Sager, seconded by Mr. Ochs, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of May 13, 2013.

Mr. Thompson said all of these requisitions have to do with getting our digester back up and running. Mr. Thompson said as you bring up a biological process you slowly introduce the bugs into the digester and then they have to acclimate then they start decomposing the sludge and generating gas. Initially the gas isn't good gas because it doesn't burn.

Mr. Natarian said the digester is beginning to be filled. We have been seeding the digester with material that have active organism in it; we are generating gas. The gas itself is carbon dioxide. Until we get more bugs in there digesting, and the temperature up and the pH of the digester up into a neutral range it will be carbon dioxide. We expect that shortly it should switch over from being carbon dioxide to methane. As soon as it switches over to methane then we will truly be digesting the material and the material will be generating its own heat.

Mr. Thompson said you will see invoices for kerosene which is the alternate fuel to generate the heat, chemicals like soda ash to raise the pH, hauling costs to take the sludge that does not meet the fecal coliform reduction requirements and haul to landfill, and an invoice for the hauling of seed material from Oregon Dairy.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 77

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 77 is to Sauder Fuel, Inc. in the amount of \$2,129.40 for kerosene. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 77 to Sauder Fuel in the amount of \$2,129.40 and authorize payment to Sauder Fuel in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Snavelly, seconded by Mr. Sager to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 77 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 77 and payment to Sauder Fuel in the amount of \$2,129.40. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 78

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 78 is to Lloyd Z. Nolt Trucking for hauling the material from Oregon Dairy back to the plant to seed the digester in the amount of \$900.00. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 78 in the amount

of \$900.00 and authorize payment to Lloyd Z. Nolt Trucking in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Sager, seconded by Mr. Ochs to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 78 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 78 and payment to Lloyd Z. Nolt Trucking in the amount of \$900.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 79

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 79 is to John Weidman & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$2,159.40 for kerosene. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 79 in the amount of \$2,159.40 and authorize payment to John Weidman & Sons, Inc. in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Ochs, seconded by Mr. Sager to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 79 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 79 and payment to John Weidman & Sons in the amount of \$2,159.40. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 80

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 80 is to Agway for Soda Ash to raise the pH in the digester in the amount of \$551.84. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 80 in the amount of \$551.84 and authorize payment to Agway in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Snavely, seconded by Mrs. Bare to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 80 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 80 and payment to Agway in the amount of \$551.84. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 81

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 81 is to KFG Trucking, LLC to haul the non-digested sludge to the landfill in the amount of \$8,437.50. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 81 to KFG Trucking in the amount of \$8,437.50 and authorize payment to KFG Trucking, LLC in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Snavely, seconded by Mrs. Bare to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 81 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 81 and payment to KFG Trucking, LLC in the amount of \$8,437.50. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 82

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 82 is to G.P. Jager & Associates for the perk system on the top which is the system that burns the methane. We needed a new valve and drip tray assembly in the amount of \$7,990.00. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 82 in the amount of \$7,990.00 and authorize payment to G.P. Jager & Associates, Inc. in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Sager, seconded by Mr. Snively to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 82 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 82 and payment to G.P. Jager & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$7,990.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2011 Construction Fund Requisition No. 83

Mr. Thompson said Construction Fund Requisition No. 82 is to Univar for soda ash in the amount of \$584.69. Staff is recommending the Authority approve Construction Fund No. 83 in the amount of \$584.69 and authorize payment to Univar in the same amount.

Motion by Mr. Ochs, seconded by Mr. Snively to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 83 authorizing Construction Fund Requisition No. 83 and payment to Univar in the amount of \$584.69. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting duly adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Robert Thompson
Secretary