

Orwigsburg Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019

The Orwigsburg Municipal Authority met on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Borough Hall. Chairman Rod Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were: Chairman Rod Schaeffer, Vice Chairman John Boyer. Members: Rick Bubeck, Randy Lindenmuth. Borough Manager Randy Miller; Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Natalie O'Connor of Entech Engineering, Water/Sewer Supervisor Dave Teter.

Minutes

A motion to approve the September 9, 2019 and October 21, 2019 meetings as presented Rick Bubeck, John Boyer. Unanimous.

A brief discussion was held regarding the SCMA agreement, rates, rate calculations, number of EDU's and contributions to plant upgrades. A significant amount of income has been lost over the years with the original agreement. Agreement is being reviewed by SCMA.

Treasurers Reports

A motion to approve the Treasurer Report for December 9, 2019 as presented was made by Randy Lindenmuth, second by John Boyer. Unanimous.

2020 Budget

\$155,000.00 is allocated for Maintenance & Repairs – these monies can be put forth for the grant match, and small jobs such as manhole repairs.

A motion to adopt the 2020 Budget was made by Randy Lindenmuth, second by John Boyer. Unanimous.

Engineer's Report

Natalie O'Conner of Entech Engineering presented the report.

Members received a copy of the PA Small Water Sewer Grant resolution that will need to be adopted. Grant will be for upgrade throughout Basin #5 (Lower Cresswell). Total project cost is

\$285,000. Application will be submitted for \$214,000 with a 25% match for \$71,398.00. Grant will be submitted tomorrow, December 10, 2019 to meet deadline on December 13, 2019. The 25% match will be taken from the Maintenance & Repairs line item.

Entech will keep the Authority updated on the DEP requirement for copper testing at the sewer plant for the new updated NPDES permit.

A motion to approve the Entech Engineer's report was made by Randy Lindenmuth, second by Rick Bubeck. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2019-01 expressing support for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant was made by Randy Lindenmuth, second by John Boyer. Unanimous.

Old Business

Miller Environmental Inc November 2019 report – All members received a copy of the report for their review.

DEP has been notified of the inner wall of the clarifier. Dave Teter ask during a site visit if they would have any recommendations – but they didn't offer any. The engineer is working on it. Dave Teter's major concern is losing the sludge hauler (Liquid Motion), we are paying less than ½ the average. Should hauling prices increase that would be the time to investigate a centrifuge or press.

Another concern is getting the digesters covered which would make what is hauled out less. With the cover for the digesters also look into fine air bubblers for the bottom of the digesters that would also increase the productivity of the digesters. On a normal daily basis, the plant runs way under capacity. In a normal week 8,000 gallons will be applied to the reed beds. Reed beds 1, 2, 3 & 4 can handle 2,000 gallons each; reed beds 5 & 6 can take 4,000 each. Reed bed #6 will need to be cleaned this year. Dave suggested if we eventually go for a fan press, to cover reed bed #6 with a pole barn and put the press there for easy access.

Natalie suggested to do a cost analysis on both capital costs and operation and maintenance costs if serious about purchasing a press.

New business

Entech will arrange site visits to municipalities that have a press in operation.

Bills

A motion to approve invoice #65888 from Entech Engineering in the amount of \$3,465.00 was made by John Boyer, second by Rick Bubeck. Unanimous.

Randy L spoke with Solicitor Derenzo about his involvement with the Authority. The Solicitor was willing to either talk with Attorney Joe Zerby about taking care of the Authority or leave it

the way it is. Randy L. will make some calls and get proposals for a Solicitor on an as needed basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm on a motion made by John Boyer, second by Randy Lindenmuth. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M Edwards
Borough Secretary