



Representing Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Lehigh and Moore Townships

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Alice Rehrig, Secretary Treasurer (Lehigh)

Ilene Eckhart (Allen)

Julianne Bender (Bushkill)

Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024

9:30 AM

Location: Moore Township Municipal Building

The First Regional Compost Authority held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Moore Township Municipal Building, 2491 Community Drive, Bath, Pa. at 9:30 a.m.

Present at the meeting were Ilene Eckhart, Richard Gable, Andrea Martin (Barry Isett and Associates); Zachary Walzcer and David Backenstoe, Esq. Absent: Julianne Bender, Randy Knauss, No Representative from East Allen . Chairman Richard Gable called the meeting to order.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the public.

Minutes: Minutes from September deferred to next meeting.

Chairman/Vice Chairman Reports: Mr. Gable restated that Mr. Unangst has been appointed as the East Allen representative.

Treasurers Report/Bills for Approval: Ms. Eckhart made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Bills as presented and pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Gable. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Solicitor: On file.

Engineer: Ms. Martin reported she attended the East Allen Planning Commission meeting this month. She reported the Township is deferring to their engineer because Barry Isett is the Zoning Officer. The Engineer went through everything and asked the Township to consider what they wanted the Authority to comply with. The Township wants an exact description of the property.

The boundary work from prior was provided to the Authority by Hanover Engineering. East Allen Township is requesting the bearings and distances on site plan. The lease boundary work was discussed.

Business Items:

A. Rate/Fee Analysis: The following rates were developed as follow-up to the discussion in September.

	PER CAPITA	CURRENT RATE	CURRENT 2024	2025	2026	2027
Allen	5456	\$ 3.25	\$ 17,732.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.85
Bath	2808	\$ 3.96	\$ 11,119.68	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.55
Bushkill	8482.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 27,566.50	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.85
Catasauqua	6518	\$ 4.00	\$ 26,072.00	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.55
East Allen	5013	\$ 3.25	\$ 16,292.25	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.85
Lehigh	10774	\$ 3.25	\$ 35,015.50	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.85
Lower Naz	6922	\$ 3.96	\$ 27,411.12	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.55
Moore	9322	\$ 3.25	\$ 30,296.50	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.85
Northampton	10395	\$ 3.86	\$ 40,124.70	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.55

Rates: The members briefly discussed the impact on the budget and the need to also review the commercial fee schedule. Following some further discussion, Ms. Eckhart made a motion to adopt the new rates and send letters to the municipalities; seconded by Ms. Rehrig. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

C. 2025 Budget Draft : Ms. Rehrig presented the first draft of the 2025 budget for further discussion at the November meeting.

Comments of Member Community Representatives: None.

Public to be Heard: None

There being no further business Ms. Rehrig made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 AM; seconded by Ms. Eckhart. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Member – Allen Township